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"O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree..."



IN LEFT PHOTO: Bill Spear is one again pleased to offer a wide variety of fresh-cut and locally-grown Christmas trees, available "roadside" at 335 South West Street, Feeding Hills. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Joy Ebbersten and Eleanor Noret with just a few of the wreaths and Christmas trees that await customers at Cascio's, 262 Meadow Street, Agawam. (See related photos on Pages 24 and 25.) Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Time Running Out On Moratorium...

Planning Board And Town Council Grapple With Cell Phone Tower Zoning

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

With time running out on the four-month moratorium on telecommunications towers, the Planning Board held a workshop session for town councilors and councilors-elect to discuss the provisions of the draft legislation being proposed to regulate the location and style of the transmitting towers. Under federal law, the town can regulate the towers, but not ban them.

Outgoing Town Council President Kent Servis, who worked with Planning Director Deborah Dachos, Town Attorney Thomas Locke, and Planning Board member Frank Lawlor in drafting the zoning ordinance, attended the session along with Councilor George Bitzas and Councilor-Elect Donald Rheault.

Last month, the Planning Board unanimously agreed to sponsor the draft legislation that will create overlay zoning districts to restrict wireless telecommunications towers to monopoles allow-

ed only on specific sites, including Provin Mountain, Riverside Park, Bondi's Island, parts of the industrial park, a parcel of land owned by Western Massachusetts Electric Company, and the four golf courses. The monopoles must be the minimum height required to provide adequate service area coverage for the cell phone company, not to exceed 150 feet.

Under the terms of the ordinance, side- and roof-mounted antennas would be allowed on existing buildings anywhere in town (as long as they do not project more than 10 feet above the building or more than 10 feet above the height limit for the zoning district).

Ms. Dachos said the four-member committee drafting the ordinance discussed ways to ensure the style of towers would be the least visually offensive and would be located in areas where they would be the least intrusive. The committee

agreed that overlay zoning would be the best solution to the problem of where the towers could be built.

"The overlay zoning is the most controversial element of the proposal," Ms. Dachos said. "The revenues are tremendous and we're going to have people clamoring to be allowed to put a tower on their property. This is going to be a policy decision by the town."

Committee Considered Two Criteria...

Ms. Dachos said the committee considered two criteria in pinpointing the parcels of land best suited to serve as overlay districts: the visual impact of the tower must be the least offensive, and the site must meet the industry's need to locate on the highest points in town.

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Explaining the logic behind the sites designated for overlay zoning, Ms. Dachos said Bondi's Island is an industrial site with an existing smokestack, while the tall rides at Riverside Park could help camouflage a cell phone tower. All of the golf courses in town are located on high ground and are set back far enough from the road that nearby residents would not see a transmitting tower.

Ms. Dachos led the councilors and Planning Board through a lengthy discussion of the 21-page draft ordinance, patterned on a Great Barrington bylaw which has already been approved by the state attorney general, but has not been challenged in court.

Ms. Dachos identified several provisions in the ordinance that would likely meet with resistance from the telecommunications industry, including sections dealing with monitoring for electromagnetic frequency (EMF) radiation, posting performance bonds, and the requirement calling for their special permits to be renewed every five years.

Servis, who formerly worked in the telecommunications industry, said there would be no need for the town to monitor for EMF emissions because the industry will be policing itself.

"No server is going to allow a competitor to interfere with their signal and no one in the industry is going to allow another system to cause emissions that would interfere with their own systems," Servis said. "These are million-dollar sites and the companies won't put their investments in jeopardy."

Ms. Dachos asked the workshop members to

send her any changes or suggestions in writing to be submitted to the Town Council prior to the joint Planning Board/Town Council public hearing scheduled at the next council meeting on December 15th. Ms. Dachos said she would discuss all the concerns raised with the legal expert hired by the town for advice on telecommunications law.

ZBA Reversed Earlier Decision...

Last week, the Zoning Board of Appeals reversed an earlier decision denying Bell Atlantic Nynex Mobile a special permit to construct a cell phone tower on Meadow Street (after the company filed suit in federal court seeking a reversal of the decision). The board also granted two special permits to Omnipoint Communications for towers to be built on Main Street and on Provin Mountain.

Although town officials originally believed the moratorium on cell phone towers would apply to the three requests already in the pipeline when the moratorium was passed in October, Servis said the town "had no legal ground to stand on" in denying the special permits.

In response to a query by Bitzas regarding the timeliness of the town's effort at amending the zoning code to deal with phone towers, Ms. Dachos said the town needs to be in a crisis before the council will enact zoning change.

"Pro-active zoning reform has gone down to defeat every time," Ms. Dachos said. "I have very strong memories of trying to enact an adult use ordinance without success when it seemed that an adult business would be moving into town."

Ms. Dachos said the draft ordinance has been advertised in the newspaper and, if enacted, the new regulations will apply to any new applications for cell phone towers.

LEGAL NOTICE**LEGAL NOTICE**

**APPROVED
TOR-97-12**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 49-7 OF
CHAPTER 49 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF
AGAWAM**

WHEREAS, The Parks and Recreation Department assumed responsibility for the in-town basketball program last winter and has since completed its review of the rates paid to basketball officials;

WHEREAS, Basketball officials, certified by the National Federation of High School Basketball Officials and the International Association of Basketball Officials, have undergone a training course at their own expense and are referred to the Parks and Recreation Department by the Hampden County Board of Officials for employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, In order to accurately reflect the rates paid to certified and non-certified basketball officials, the Director of Recreation has recommended the following change to Chapter 49, Article II, Section 49-7, Sub-Section 9 (c) effective January 1, 1998:

Delete:
Basketball Official \$15/Game
Add Effective January 1, 1998:
Certified Basketball Official \$15/Game
Non-Certified Basketball Official \$9/Game

**DATED THIS 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER, 1997.
PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL**

Kent P. Servis, President

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
Thomas S. Locke, Solicitor**

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Agawam Police Department Arrest Blotter (Nov. 30th Thru Dec. 6th)

On November 30, 1997, **Robert J. Fahey, Jr.** of 19 Gary Road, Windsor Locks, CT was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant for failure to appear.

On November 30, 1997, **James F. Nallet** of 9 Mark St., Chicopee was arrested and charged with statutory rape.

On December 3, 1997, **Stephen A. Virella** of 8 Marlene Drive, Feeding Hills was arrested and charged with an outstanding arrest warrant.

On December 5, 1997, **Vincent F. McKenzie** of 29 Newport Dr., Bloomfield, CT was arrested and charged with larceny from a building and larceny from a person.

On December 6, 1997, **Robert L. Roberge** of 33 Valley St., Agawam was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol, failure to stop for a red lens, failure to stop for a police officer, speeding, and failure to stay within marked lines.

State Rep. Keenan Will Be Hosting A Holiday Open House

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan will be hosting a holiday open house on Friday, December 19th, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at his district office at 342 Springfield Street, Agawam.

You are cordially invited to join the celebration of the holiday season. Please stop by to enjoy casual conversation and refreshments.

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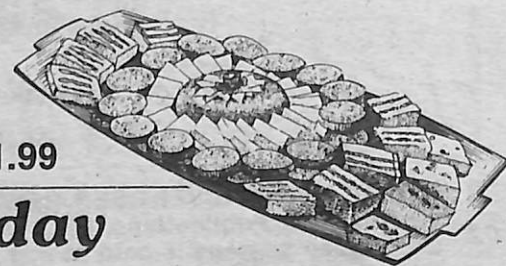
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Letters To The Editor

Plans Are Under Way For 1998 Inaugural Ceremonies

To The Editor:

Dear Elected Officials Of Agawam And Townspeople:

On behalf of the 1998 Inaugural Committee, I would like to congratulate all the elected officials of Agawam.

The planning has begun for the 1998 Inaugural Ceremonies. The festivities are set for the evening of January 9, 1998 at The Oaks Banquet Hall at 1070 Suffield Street.

The evening will include a mock swearing in for the Mayor, City Council, and the School Committee. Dinner and dancing will follow. The evening will be a memorable time to share with family and friends.

With the holidays and work and family commitments, I realize that your calendars may be getting full. Please reserve January 9, 1998 for a fun-filled evening with family, friends, colleagues, residents, and businesspeople of our community.

Tickets will be available starting on December 16, 1997 through Jennifer in the Mayor's Office, 786-0400, Ext. 201, or by contacting Joann McGeoghan in the evening at 786-1982. If you have any questions, please contact either the Mayor's Office or Joann McGeoghan.

Sincerely,
Joann M. McGeoghan
Chairperson, Inaugural Committee

CCBA Encourages Public To Support Upcoming Fundraisers

To The Editor:

For three-and-a-half years, the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam has opposed the construction of the power plant in our community. This fight has been fought in the courts and at the Department of Public Utilities.

We have won all court battles to date and have one battle remaining, which is to overturn the decision by the DPU to allow Berkshire Power to build their power plant by granting them an exemption to our zoning by-laws. This decision is now being appealed to the Supreme Judicial Court. Our chances of winning this appeal are very good.

We have been successful because people like yourself have generously contributed to our legal funds. The CCBA has three fundraising activities coming up and would like your continued support.

The first fundraiser will be an Italian Buffet held at Maria's Pizza and Restaurant on Sunday, December 14, 1997 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00/adults and \$4.00/children and seniors. For ticket purchase, please contact Shirley Kibbe at 786-2053 or Cathy DellaPenna at 789-2256. You may also buy tickets at the door.

We are hosting a NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER and DANCE on December 31, 1997 at Ferruccio's, 1520 Main Street, Agawam. Tickets are \$40.00 per person/cash bar. The evening will begin with cocktail hour/hors d'oeuvres at 7:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 8:00 with two sit-down courses of antipasto and ziti & broccoli, and the main course served buffet style with prime rib, chicken champagne, and veal tenders. Top your dinner with an assortment of pastries and fruits from the dessert bar.

For more information and tickets, please call Sid Gilbert at 786-9642.

Once again, thank you for your time and efforts. We wish you a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
Karl Stieg
Concerned Citizens & Businesses of Agawam

Keenan Has Brochure On Fuel Assistance, Energy Info, Etc.

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to provide the Citizens Energy Corporation 1997-1998 Guide to Fuel Assistance, Healthcare Resources, and Energy Information to assist members of the community who need help meeting their most essential needs.

This brochure contains information about the State Fuel Assistance Program (and its new High Energy Pilot Program), utility rights and discounts, and oil buying groups. Also included in the brochure is a section to inform readers about healthcare resources including the Senior Pharmacy Program, the MassHealth Program, and/or Children's Medical Security Plan.

To obtain a brochure with information to help families prepare for this winter and the new year ahead, please call Rep. Keenan's district office at (413) 786-4545.

Richard Theroux And A.R.E. Announce COLA's For Hampden County Retirees

Agawam Town Clerk Richard Theroux, a member of the Hampden County Retirement Advisory Board, announced to the officers of A.R.E. that the Advisory Board Council voted to provide COLA's for all Hampden County retirees this July.

This was the final approval needed in the process to provide for COLAs. At the meeting, Theroux spoke in favor of the COLA proposal and was gratified that the vote was unanimously in favor of the retirees.

The next step in this process will be for the Hampden County Retirement Board to meet and vote as to the amount of the COLA. According to Theroux, this meeting will take place shortly after the first of the year when the CPI is established by the Social Security Administration. The COLA will be not more than three percent on the first 12,000 retirement dollars.

Theroux is very pleased that the process was moved along so quickly by the Advisory Board Council and that now the retirees will have something to look forward to. In conclusion, he feels that the COLA was a fair, correct, and timely decision.

Regular Council Mtg. Agenda For Monday, December 15th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 12/1/97
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
- None.
7. Report of Council Committees
- Comm. on Rules - Coun. Langone.
8. Elections
- None.
9. Public Hearings
- (a)
1. PH-97-20-(TOR-97-13)-An Ordinance to Amend Ch. 180 of the Code of the Town of Agawam by adding Art. XIV entitled Personal Wireless Services Facilities, Towers & Repeaters (Conduct Public Hearing).
10. Old Business
- (a)
1. TO-97-59-Voucher List (\$121.39).
11. New Business

Agawam's Inaugural Ceremonies Are Set For January 9, 1998

The AGAWAM INAUGURAL COMMITTEE has set the 1998 INAUGURAL CELEBRATIONS for Friday, January 9, 1998. The celebration will include a mock swearing in ceremony for the Mayor, the Agawam City Council, and the Agawam School Committee. The ceremony will be followed by dinner, dancing, and time to meet our local officials.

The 1998 INAUGURAL CELEBRATION will be held at The Oaks Banquet House, which is located at 1070 Suffield Street in Agawam. The live music and entertainment will be provided by Passport, a four-piece band specializing in music from the 70's, 80's, and today.

In order to make the 1998 INAUGURAL CELEBRATIONS a success, we need your support. The INAUGURAL COMMITTEE is seeking business sponsors for the event as well.

Tickets will be \$22 per person. The sponsorship cost is \$75, which includes two tickets and a listing in the evening's program.

Tickets will be on sale starting December 16, 1997. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer in the Mayor's Office at 786-0400, Ext. 201.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Saturday, December 13th
"Ski Sale And Swap" by Operation Friendship of America at Feeding Hills Congregational Church
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(Consignments will accepted on Friday, December 12th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.)

Saturday, December 13th
"Basketball Clinic" for 3rd through 8th graders (to be conducted by the AHS girls' team)
At AHS gymnasium
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Cost - \$10 per participant

Sunday, December 14th
"Pancake Breakfast with Santa"
(sponsored by the Agawam Chapter of Unico)
At Italian Sporting Club, Cooper St., Agawam
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Adults, \$3; children under 10, free

Monday, December 15th
Agawam Women's Club's "Holiday Meeting" featuring Agawam High School Choir (plus cookie walk and gift exchange)
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from the State Senate

by State Senator Linda J. Melconian

Senate Closes With Flurry

The 1997 legislative season is drawing to a close. The month of November was filled with a tremendous amount of legislative activity, producing several exciting proposals that will benefit the entire Commonwealth.

After two years of study, research, and debate, Massachusetts has achieved competition in the electrical utility industry. On November 19th, the Legislature overwhelmingly approved the deregulation proposal. By deregulating the industry, customers will receive an initial 10 percent rate reduction as of March 1, 1998. After the utilities complete refinancing, scheduled to be completed within 18 months, rate cuts will move to 15 percent. The savings will be real, and immediate.

In addition to the consumer benefit, Massachusetts has put itself in a very favorable business position. New businesses and companies looking to expand are searching for states with low business costs and stable economy. Massachusetts has an educated, skilled workforce that is continuing to create jobs. We have given businesses and citizens tax incentives and reductions that are necessary to stimulate growth. Lowering the cost of energy is yet another way we can attract businesses to our area.

The Senate also passed two of my legislative initiatives which are important to citizens all across

the Commonwealth. The Genetic Testing Privacy Act would protect the privacy of genetic information and genetic tests. It would also prevent discrimination in employment and insurance. Genetic tests are a useful tool in the doctor/patient treatment of potential diseases such as breast cancer and colon cancer. Although genetic tests are important, they are far from a reliable indicator of disease. A person may test positive for the gene that causes breast cancer, but may never contract the disease.

Consumers should be encouraged, not discouraged, from taking a genetic test. There should be no threat of losing health coverage, and no threat of losing a job. With this new science, discrimination is possible, and it needs to be stopped. At the same time, research is important for the development of new genetic tests, and therefore, it must not be impeded. My legislation would exempt research from the bill's provisions, as long as the research was confidential pursuant to federal guidelines. This will enable the information to remain private, and at the same time allow for scientific, medical research.

My other legislative initiative would set up a voluntary licensure program for dietitians/nutritionists. The dietitian/nutritionist is one of the only Allied Health professional that is not currently able to attain licensure in Massachusetts. They are highly educated, specially trained professionals who deserve to be recognized for the service they provide. And since 95 percent of dietitians/nutritionists are women, it is most certainly a women's professional equity issue.

But this legislation is also an important consumer issue. We all need the best information available in order to make informed health care decisions. Since a licensed dietitian/nutritionist would be required to pass a test in addition to meeting educational and professional requirements, consumers would know that they are making a safe health care choice. Licensure is the right thing to do!

Both Genetic Testing Privacy and Licensure for Dietitians/Nutritionists are now awaiting action in the House. I am confident both will receive swift action, and will become sound citizen protection laws for the Commonwealth.

Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

You Can Rest Assured When You Use Smoke Detectors...

Each year, over 5,600 people die in their homes. The killer ... SMOKE. Smoke that is generated from a fire. You increase your chances of surviving a home fire by 50 percent with properly installed and maintained smoke detectors.

Most fatal home fires occur between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., when most of us are sleeping. During sleep, we do not have the ability to smell. That's why a working smoke detector is so vital to your survival of a home fire. It senses the smoke during the early stages of fire and sounds its warning while escape is still possible.

Your home should have at least one detector on each level, especially outside the sleeping areas. If you sleep with your bedroom door closed, it is suggested that you also have a smoke detector in the bedroom.

The smoke detectors should be tested at least once a month by pressing the test button or snuffing a candle and letting smoke drift into the detector. Replacement of the battery should be annually. A good time is in the fall as we go into the high fire season.

If your home does not have smoke detectors, purchase them today. If you don't remember the last time you tested or changed the battery in your detector, do it now ... so you can REST ASSURED.

For more information on the selection, installation, and maintenance of smoke detectors, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Remember, our next deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 16th, at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Monday, Dec. 15th. Thank you!

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Carl O. Benoit

Carl O. Benoit, 49, of 155 Virginia Avenue, West Springfield, former owner and general contractor of Jenlin Construction, died at Country Estates in Agawam.

He started the former Monarch Construction Co. Previously, he taught at South Hadley High School.

He was born in Rochester, New Hampshire, grew up in Lexington, and then settled in West Springfield in 1972.

He graduated with a bachelor's of science from Springfield College in 1972 and a master's from AIC in 1984.

He was a member of the Amherst Railway Society.

He coached soccer for seven years and was on the Board of Directors for the soccer association. He was a member of the Mittineague United Methodist Church.

He leaves his wife, Deborah (Hunt) Benoit; two daughters, Jennifer M. Benoit of Somerville and Lindsey A. Benoit of West Springfield; a brother, Kent A. of Westboro; and two sisters, Michelle Benoit Pescatore of Lexington and Denise Whiting of Woburn.

The funeral was held Thursday morning, December 11th, at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church. Burial will be in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Radiation Oncology Unit, Baystate Medical Center Fundraising WMU5, 759 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01199.

Martin S. Sjostrom

Martin S. Sjostrom, 93, of 190 Kendall Street, Springfield, and formerly of Westminster Street, Springfield, died at a local nursing home.

He was a carpenter and retired in 1948.

Born in Sweden, he lived in Agawam and moved to Springfield 30 years ago.

His wife, the former Mabel Johnson, died in 1948.

He leaves three sons, Marvin of Southwick, Burt of Belchertown, and Gary of Agawam; four daughters, Wanda Hamel of Chicopee, Sandra Bostwick of East Longmeadow, Karen Sherlaw of Maine, and Marlene Carlson; 21 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills. The Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Geraldine Hurd

Geraldine Hurd, 75, of New Britain, Connecticut, and formerly a resident of Feeding Hills, died at the Hospital for Special Care in New Britain.

Born in Baileyville, Maine, she lived in Feeding Hills for 30 years.

Her husband, Edwin W. Hurd, predeceased her.

She leaves a son, Lewis of New Britain; a daughter, Marie Southard of California; a brother, Edward E. Southard of Maine; five sisters, Evelyn Libby and Olive McConaghy, both of Canada, Helen Ward and Lida Cooper, both of Maine, and Ann "Luella" Perkins of Westboro.

Another son, Walter B., predeceased her.

A graveside funeral was held at Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills. Bailey Funeral Home of Plainfield, Connecticut, was in charge of

the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Britany Farms Health Center, 400 Britany Farms Road, New Britain, Connecticut 06053.

Barbara A. DeForge

Barbara A. (Edwards) DeForge, 71, of Agawam, died at home.

She worked for the Springfield Redevelopment Authority for many years. She retired in 1985.

Born in Springfield, she lived most of her life in Agawam.

She participated in Wernock Adult Day Care and volunteered at the Open Pantry.

She was a former member of the Agawam Women's Club and the Agawam Congregational Church.

Her husband, Leo M., died in 1985.

She leaves a daughter, Pamela D. Jones of Agawam; a brother, Kenneth Edwards of West Springfield; a sister, Gertrude Walsh of Springfield; and a granddaughter.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and in the church. Burial followed at Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Greater Springfield Senior Services, 66 B Industrial Avenue, Springfield, MA 01104, or to the Progressive Supra Nuclear Palsy Society, in care of John Hopkins School of Medicine, Suite 5065, 601 North Carolina Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21287, Att. Dr. Irene Litvan.

John Diduk

John Diduk, 75, of 177 Gates Avenue, East Longmeadow, died at home.

He was a maintenance worker for Baystate Gas Company in Springfield, and worked previously at the Springfield Armory for 27 years.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam and was a graduate of Agawam High School.

He was an Army sergeant in World War II and served in the European theater.

He belonged to the American Legion and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

He leaves his wife, the former Marion Hunt; a son, Craig S. of Agawam; a daughter, Laurie J. Siciliano of West Springfield; a brother, Paul of Agawam; three sisters, Vera McLaughlin and Anne Pennock of Agawam, and Matrona ("Mae") Vient of Springfield; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Byron's Funeral Home on Allen Street in Springfield, with the burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Hospice, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Frank D. Gatti

Frank D. Gatti, 80, of 118 Moore Street, Agawam, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was the co-owner of the former Riverview Market for many years. He worked later at the Agawam Public Market.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam all of his life.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and served in the European theater with the 4th Armored Division. He saw action at the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium in the winter of 1944-45.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church and a member of the Stigmatine Scholarship Committee. He received its Father Joe

Massaro Award in 1980.

He belonged to the Holy Name Society, the Victor Emmanuel Society, the 4th Armored Division Association, the Chapter 1 Senior Center, and UNICO.

He leaves a brother, Lino C. of Agawam; a sister, Angela A. Gatti of Agawam; and nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sister Mary Caritas Oncology Center equipment fund at Mercy Hospital, 271 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01102-9102, or the Open Pantry, 1023 Main Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Joseph Truschelli

Joseph Truschelli, 84, of 49 Homer Street, Feeding Hills, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a retired employee of Milton Bradley Co.

Born in Byrnedale, Pennsylvania, he lived in Ludlow for 25 years before moving to Feeding Hills 25 years ago.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

He was a charter member of the Italian Social Club of Ludlow and a member of the Milton Bradley Athletic Association.

Two wives predeceased him, Rita (Santini) Truschelli in 1974 and Mary (Piccoli) Balboni Truschelli this October.

He leaves a daughter, Nancy Cabana of Ludlow; two stepsons, John Balboni of Bedford, New York, and Raymond Balboni of Townsend; a brother, Robert of Florida; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Ludlow Funeral Home, with a service in St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Ludlow. Burial was in St. Aloysius Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rays of Hope Fund, in care of Baystate Medical Center, Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Sadie M. Baevich

Sadie M. (Sopet) Baevich, 81, of 45 Denton Circle, Springfield, a 43-year employee of General Fiber Box Co., died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

She retired in 1981.

Born in Springfield, she was raised in Feeding Hills and lived in Springfield most of her life.

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She leaves her son, Steven F. of San Antonio, Texas; three sisters, Anna Guidi of Feeding Hills, Alice Orr of Agawam, and Helen Kerfoot of Roanoke, Virginia; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Another daughter, Wanda ("Noni") Basilico, predeceased her.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam, and the Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. The burial was in Springfield Street Cemetery, also in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Robyn L. Connell

Robyn Lee Connell, 24, of Feeding Hills, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a summer worker at Riverside Amusement Park in Agawam.

Born in Springfield, she was an Agawam High School graduate and a 10-year Feeding Hills resident.

She leaves a son, Arin Michael Connell, and a daughter, Britteney Lee Connell, at home; her parents, Robert J. and Mary E. (White) Connell; a brother, Robert J. Jr., and sister, Lindsey A. Connell, all of Feeding Hills; and her grandparents, James and Ruth (Ganley) Connell of Springfield.

The funeral was held at the Sacred Heart Church, with the burial at the convenience of the family. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to a scholarship fund for the Connell children, in care of Agawam Credit Union, 4 Washington Street Extension, Agawam, MA 01001.

Jeffery A. Woods

Jeffery A. Woods, 48, of 57 Walden Street, Springfield, died at home.

He was a 17-year employee of Sweet Life Foods Corp. in Suffield, Connecticut.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of Agawam High School, and was affiliated with the Trinity United Methodist Church.

He leaves his father, Robert J. of Springfield, and two brothers, Robert J. Jr. of Springfield and Gary of Hampden.

The funeral and burial were scheduled to be at the convenience of the family. Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Service is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Red Cross, 235 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Henry J. Paolini

Henry J. Paolini, 78, formerly of 55 Shaine Circle, Springfield, a machinist for Mitchell Machine & Tool Co. of Agawam, died in a Westfield nursing home.

He retired in 1984.

Born in Worcester, he was a long-time area resident.

He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, and a member of the Air Force Reserve.

He was predeceased by his wife, Carmela (Mango) Paolini.

He leaves two daughters, Judith Paolini-Thibault of Portland, Maine, and Patricia Blais of East Greenbush, New York; three brothers, Rocco of Westboro, Serafino of North Grafton, and Ernest of Marlboro; seven sisters, Gloria White of Centerville, Rose Ladd of Weston, Jennie Trotta of Milford, Mary LaPlante of Westboro, Ameña Paolini of Shrewsbury, Margie Santoro of Milford, and Ida Jaskulka of East Hartford, Connecticut; three step-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at Forastiere Funeral Home of Springfield, with a Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. The burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 3300 East Sunrise Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85718.

William R. Colson

William R. Colson, 74, of 18 Ridgeview Drive, Feeding Hills, died in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He lived in Feeding Hills most of his life.

He was a 27-year patrolman for the Agawam Police Department and retired in 1981. He also worked for the state of New Hampshire's Department of Public Safety Marine Patrol.

He graduated from Agawam High School and earned his associate's degree in criminal justice from Springfield Technical Community College.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. He was a member of the Police Association and the Lions Club.

He belonged to the American Legion Post 185 and served in the Navy during World War II.

He leaves his wife, the former Theresa M. Robak; two sons, Michael of Ludlow and Thomas of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Susan Savoia of Feeding Hills; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Renal Department at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA 01199, or the Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 01030-2114.

Jane C. Templeton

Jane C. (Barrett) Templeton, 83, of 114 Emerson Road, Longmeadow, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

She was an 11-year employee working in benefit claims at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. She retired 20 years ago.

Born in Haydock, Lincolnshire, England, she lived in Longmeadow for less than a year, in Agawam for 10 years, and in Indian Orchard for 23 years.

She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Longmeadow and formerly a member of the St. John the Evangelist Church Women's Guild, the Over-60 Club, and Agawam Golden Agers.

Her husband, Charles E., died in 1988.

She leaves a son, Robert L., and a daughter, Avril F. Palazzi, both of Longmeadow; brothers and sisters in England; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Another son, Charles A., died in 1969.

The funeral was held at the Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home of East Longmeadow, followed by a Mass at the church and burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery in Indian Orchard.

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Families

Dressing Dolls Is A Pastime & A Passion For F. Hills Resident

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Nancy Doucette of North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, recently sat on a couch surrounded by used dolls she has reclaimed by cleaning and sewing outfits for them. Over the couch is an attractive 32" x 26" framed puzzle depicting 10 beautifully dressed dolls at a garden tea party.

This is the sewing room where Nancy pursues her hobby, combining her love of dolls and sewing in a collection presently numbering 70 dolls. She has been collecting used dolls from acquaintances and at sales for 20 years. When her collection gets too large, she gives or sells some of them at bazaars or tag sales. She has shown dolls at Sacred Heart Church bazaars for many years, she said.

"I like to work on used dolls that seem to have been loved by some little girl," Nancy said. "I shampoo the hair, clean the face and body, and make clothing as near as possible to their original attire."

"This is not a valuable collection," Nancy explained. "These are dolls that appeal to me and reclaiming them is work that gives me pleasure and satisfaction."

Nancy works in a bright, sunny room where her sewing machine is on a work table that extends from two windows into the room. There are shelves, bookcases, and a couch holding dolls she recently completed or is working on. They range from baby dolls to a bride and there are some antiques. They are varied in style, size, and movement. One French doll even boasts a music box.

One bedroom is taken over by dolls standing or sitting on the floor, chairs, and bed, and there is a doll in a small spool bed. One of the more unusual dolls is fabric and has four faces. The swivel head is a modified square with a different facial expression on each of its four sides.

One can choose a crying, sober, smiling, or happy face, swivel it to the front, and put a hat or hood over the other three faces.

A present favorite of hers is "Zelda," a brown-haired doll for which Nancy made a dress, slip, pinafore, and pantaloons. All of the dolls have underwear, Nancy points out, except one she laughingly calls "naughty." She is challenged in forming this doll's expression.

Eight-Inch "Ginnys" A Favorite

Her favorite dolls are eight-inch tall "Ginnys" that have real hair and different attires. They originated in Milford (MA) and were designed and produced by a woman and named after her daughter. The originals had porcelain heads, but today's model is plastic. Some dolls are composition.

The complete Ginnys are on the top shelf of Nancy's workroom and fill a corner cupboard in another room. There are rag dolls (she made six Raggedy Anns for last Christmas), a Patsy doll in red candy-striped outfit, and an impish-looking angel in red dress, white wings, and silver halo.

Of the many dolls given to Nancy, some have imperfections, such as the one that is missing fingers (apparently bitten off). If she cannot fix



IN TOP PHOTO: A variety of the dolls that Nancy Doucette has cleaned and dressed. IN LEFT PHOTO: Nancy at her Feeding Hills home with some of her dolls, which she has been collecting for 20 years. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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them, Nancy covers them with costuming - a ski outfit, bunting or pajamas, or choir robes.

Hobbyist magazines about dolls, pattern books for doll clothes, and a book of doll photos with each one's history and approximate value are among research material in her workshop.

"Donna's Children" of Westfield, where porcelain doll-making is taught, is another source for Nancy. The heads are made using molds and firing, and she paints the faces herself. "I do not sculpt heads yet, but I will do that in the future," she promises.

Watching A Personality Develop

"When you make the head," she explains, "you create the features, expressions, coloring, etc., and you can feel a personality develop as you progress. This is part of why you get attached to them. 'The dolls cost a lot to make,' Nancy remarked, 'and most people do not want to compensate you for your time and effort. That is an influence on why I keep so many.'"

Although she spends most of her spare time with this hobby, for the past year she has been learning to make Bobbin Lace and there are examples of lace she has made framed on her sewing room wall. On the couch is a Bobbin Lace-maker's pillow with bobbins, thread, patterns, and two cloths. One cloth goes under the work in progress and one covers it to keep it dust-free.

Nancy has also volunteered at Storowton Colonial Village in West Springfield as a tour guide for five years. An apron and bonnet are part of her costume and she plans to make Bobbin Lace to edge the bonnet and apron. She especially loves taking children on two-hour tours, discussing Colonial toys and games.

Nancy and her husband, Charlie, have six children (three boys and three girls) and 12 grandchildren, seven of them boys and five girls. The 13th grandchild is due in June. "The little girls in the family have lots of dolls that Grandma made over the years," Nancy said with a smile.

State Rep. Keenan Alerts Elders Of Home Program

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan wants to alert elders of The Homeowner Options for Massachusetts Elders (HOME) Program. The program is designed to help elders remain in their homes.

HOME provides homeowners of low and moderate income over the age of 65 with intensive counseling designed to develop strategies that will keep these individuals in their homes.

Working closely with the homeowner, HOME staff seek to devise a solution that best fits the needs of that individual. The HOME program does not charge its clients for counseling services.

The Hampden Hampshire Partnership (HAP) provides HOME services in Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties, working in partnership with local service providers and lenders. Anyone interested in learning more about strategies for retaining home ownership and the HOME program may call HAP at 785-1251, extension 321, or Rep. Keenan's office at 786-4545.

Operation Friendship To Hold Ski Sale

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit, youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is having a Ski Sale and Swap on December 13th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

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McCullough Family Announce Birth Of Daughter, Victoria E.

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She weighed in at six pounds, 11 ounces and was 18½ inches long.

Victoria is the granddaughter of Jon & Sandy Webster of Royal St., Agawam and Ben & Beverly McCullough of Ellington St., Agawam.

Victoria's great-grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Albert Fountain of West Springfield.

Agawam Unico Schedules "Pancake Breakfast With Santa"

The Agawam Chapter of Unico has announced that its upcoming "Pancake Breakfast with Santa" will be taking place on Sunday, December 14th, at the Italian Sporting Club on Cooper Street, Agawam, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Tickets are \$3 for adults, and children under 10 years of age are free. Tickets are currently available from any Unico member or Bruno Maule, and they will also be available at the door.

Proceeds from the breakfast will be used for Agawam Unico charities.

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New Year's Eve Gala At Ferruccio's Now Being Planned

The public is invited to attend a New Year's Eve Gala, December 31, 1997 at Ferruccio's, 1520 Main St., Agawam.

Start your evening with cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres at 7:00 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$40 per person/cash bar.

Dinner will include antipasto, ziti, and broccoli served at table and prime rib, chicken champagne, veal tenders, red potato, green beans, carrots, and rolls served buffet style.

A dessert buffet with cakes, cookies, cheesecakes, fruits, etc. served later in the evening.

This extravaganza is sponsored by the Concerned Citizens and Business of Agawam. Please join us in celebrating all our victories and start the New Year helping us with our latest victory. A portion of the ticket sale will go to the legal funds.

For more information and tickets, please contact Judy Stieg at 786-6964 or tickets can be purchased at Maria's Restaurant, 605 Silver Street, Agawam.

Friends Of The Senior Center Reschedule Their Annual Meeting

Due to being postponed because of the snowstorm on Friday, November 14th, the annual meeting of the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center has been rescheduled for Friday, December 12th, at 1:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend, and the annual dues are due now. Please come and find out more about "Friends" and see how you can help with our fundraisers.

If you have any questions, please call Nellie Mathias at 786-9093 or Lil Doyle at 786-9586.

AHS Choir To Perform At Dec. 15th Meeting Of Ag. Women's Club

The Agawam Women's Club presents the Agawam High School Choir at their December 15th Holiday Meeting at 7:30 p.m., in the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street.

A cookie walk and gift exchange for those wishing to participate will also be part of the evening's festivities.

The Club's objective is mutual helpfulness, the advancement of public welfare, and the promotion of civic and cultural interests.

Guests and new members are welcome. For further information, please call 786-1473 or 786-3091.

Italian Buffet Being Sponsored By CCBA On December 14th

Make your holiday a little less stressful after shopping all day, decorating the tree, giftwrapping, etc. by attending an Italian Buffet at Maria's Pizza and Restaurant, 605 Silver Street, Agawam on Sunday, December 14th from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now (\$6/adults and \$4/children [12 and under] and senior citizens) at Maria's Restaurant or call Judy Stieg at 786-6964. You may also purchase tickets at the door.

All proceeds will go to the CCBA's legal fund.



KIMBERLY DUGA AND MATTHEW R. GRIVNER

Kimberly Duga Is Engaged To Wed Matthew R. Grivner

Elaine B. Driscoll of Feeding Hills and Richard V. Duga of Holyoke are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kimberly Duga, to Matthew Robert Grivner, son of Robert and Noreen Grivner of East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

The bride-to-be graduated from Agawam High School in 1992 and from the Baystate Medical Center School of Nursing in December of 1997.

The future groom is a 1991 graduate of East Stroudsburg High School. In May of 1995, he received his bachelor of science degree in aeronautical science and a minor in aviation weather from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida. He is currently employed as a charter pilot for Technology Aviation at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport in Avoca, Pennsylvania.

Engaged in August of 1996, a June 1998 wedding is planned.

Fleet Reserve Assoc. To Meet At Westover On December 16th

Pioneer Valley Branch 246 of the Fleet Reserve Association and its Ladies Auxiliary will meet December 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Westover Club, Westover Air Reserve Base, Chicopee, MA.

Branch meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month. Membership is open to men and women who have served in the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard (both active and retired).

For more information about the FRA, Branch 246 and the LAFRA Unit 246, come to our meeting. Members at large are welcome, or you may call John Gannon, Branch President, Theresa Gannon, Unit 246 Secretary at (413) 568-8174, or Ray Howard at 569-6321.

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The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the GFWC in Massachusetts.

Best local news...

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, December 15th: BBQ ribs, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, rye bread, fresh banana.

Tuesday, December 16th: Pork chops, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat bread, pineapple.

Wednesday, December 17th: Ziti and meatballs, tossed salad, Italian bread, ice cream.

Thursday, December 18th: Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes and corn, pumpernickel bread, mixed fruit.

Friday, December 19th: Christmas party — baked ham, baked potato with sour cream, buttered squash, roll, and Christmas cake.



ELM STREET STATION AGAWAM HISTORICAL & FIRE HOUSE MUSEUM

PICTURED ABOVE is a commemorative postcard depicting a painting of the Elm Street Fire Station. This postcard is just one of a variety of items that the Agawam Historical Association is currently selling in order to raise funds for the proposed Agawam Historical & Fire House Museum.

Historical Association Is Selling "Fire House" Memorabilia

In its effort to raise funds for the renovation of the former Elm Street fire station into the Agawam Historical & Fire House Museum, the Agawam Historical Association is offering a number of items for sale in time for holiday gift-giving.

In addition to a commemorative poster, notecard, and postcard featuring Adrienne Lacey's painting of the Elm Street Station, the Historical Association is offering two commemorative pins: a bronze depiction of the new Fire Department headquarters, and a pewter depiction of the Elm Street Station.

A set of four coffee mugs has also been created, featuring the Elm Street Station on one side and antique fire equipment on the reverse.

For the model train enthusiast, an HO gauge model kit of the Elm Street Station is available. An assembled model of this intricately detailed kit is on display in the lobby of the Agawam Public Library throughout the month of December.

Bird lovers have not been forgotten either—a sturdy replica of the Elm Street Station has been crafted as a birdhouse, complete with shingles and cleanout.

The town history book by Edith LaFrancis is also available for sale.

All items for sale are on display in the lobby of the Agawam Public Library throughout the month of December. Items are available for purchase at the Agawam Fire Department Headquarters on Main Street from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and also from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on December 15th, 17th, and 22nd.

For more information or to purchase any of these items, please contact Carol or Bill Miller at 786-7329, or the Agawam Fire Department Headquarters at 786-0657.

All proceeds will be used toward the renovation of the Elm Street Station, which is estimated to cost \$30,000. To date, some \$15,000 has been raised.

Pro Life Vigil For The Unborn Slated At Baystate Medical Ctr.

The Pro Life Christmas Vigil for the Unborn will be held on Friday, December 19th at the Springfield Street entrance of the Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

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Holiday Bazaar At Country Estates...



TINA WETMORE AND GAIL YORK were busy selling Christmas wreaths at the holiday bazaar held last month at Country Estates of Agawam, 1200 Suffield Street, Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT COUNTRY ESTATES' HOLIDAY BAZAAR: Sue Gosselin, Recreation Director; Robert Torte, volunteer; Phyllis Nacewicz, Assistant Recreation Director; and Alice Arnold (seated), resident volunteer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Remember, our next deadline is Tuesday, December 16th, at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Monday, December 15th. Thank you!

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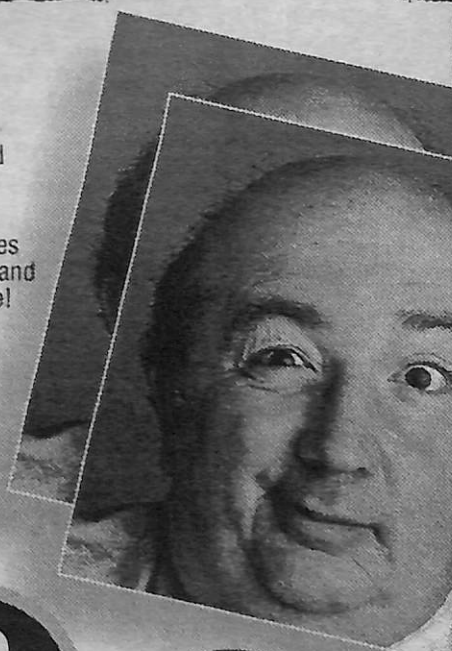
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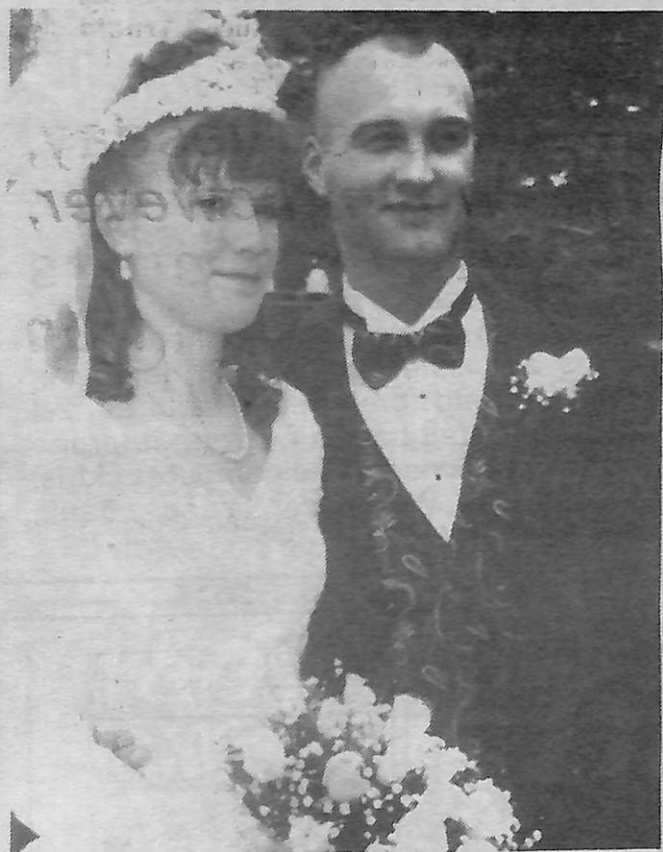
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Amy Boguszewski Weds Jeffrey Dean

Amy Boguszewski and Jeffrey Dean were united in marriage during a 10:00 a.m. service on September 20, 1997. Rev. Rene Butler officiated the ceremony, and the 170 guests attended a reception at the Warehouse.

Parents of the bride are Stanley & Rose Boguszewski of Westfield. The mother of the groom is Shirley Covel of Elkton, Florida.

The maid of honor was Sandra Boguszewski, and serving as bridesmaids were Becky Boguszewski, Paula Goodwin, and Cheryl Muskus.

Chris Kasperek was the best man, and the ushers were Todd Bousquet, Steve Stassen, and Tony Muskus.

The bride received a bachelor's degree from Westfield State College. She is a teacher at Holy Trinity School in Westfield.

The bridegroom earned an associate's degree from Holyoke Community College, and is attending the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. The couple currently resides in Agawam.

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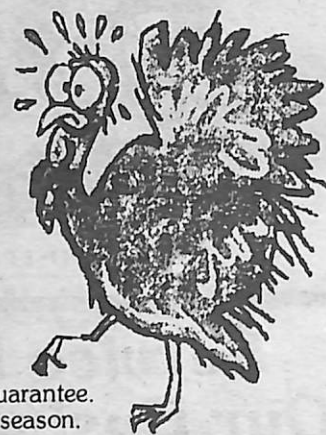
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Holiday Bazaar At Heritage Hall West...



LAST MONTH, Heritage Hall's West Building held a Christmas bazaar to get in the "holiday spirit." From left to right: Rose Garneau, Elaine Godin, Elaine A. Dowd, and Hilda Lysick. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Linda M. Iacolo Becomes Bride Of Joseph D. Matte

The Basilica of St. Stanislaus in Chicopee was the setting for the wedding of Linda M. Iacolo and Joseph D. Matte.

The bride is the daughter of Norman and Maria Iacolo of 232 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. Parents of the bridegroom are Paul and Cynthia Matte of 148 Chapel Street, Chicopee.

Jennifer McCarthy attended the bride as maid of honor. Katelyn Iacolo, niece of the bride, was the flower girl.

The bride's nephew, William Klunk, served as the ring bearer. Kyle Przekopowski served the bridegroom as the best man.

The bride graduated from Agawam High School and Westfield State College. She is a fourth grade teacher at St. Mary's School in Longmeadow.

Her husband is a graduate of Holyoke Catholic High School and St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vermont. He is an English teacher at Holyoke Catholic High School.

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Merry Christmas, All Year Round!

Merry Christmas! For the next couple of weeks those words will adorn shopping bags and billboards. Merry Christmas! becomes the standard greeting of this time of year. But sadly, for some people, the joy of the Christmas season, as well as the feelings of peace and hope, fade away with the jingle bells and the other accompaniments of the holidays. It doesn't have to be that way; it is not God's will that it be that way.

The Bible tells us how we can experience the joy and the peace of the Christmas season, all year round. **Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

If we rejoice in ourselves, or the fleeting pleasures of special moments, joy and peace will fade away. We were not created to focus only on ourselves, nor to live from one event to another. The Bible says, **Rejoice in the Lord.** God should be the object of our gladness. The fact that we, as well as our circumstances, are constantly changing can be reflected by our fluctuating moods. However, if we **rejoice in the Lord**, we can enjoy constant joy and peace in spite of our cir-

cumstances. That's because God doesn't change. **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.** If our gladness is based upon who God is, rather than on what is occurring in our lives at any given moment, we can rejoice always.

Some might object that such thinking sounds dangerously like escapism, or a foolish form of "positive thinking." But nothing could be further from the truth. The Bible doesn't say, "Ignore your problems." It says face them squarely, but don't worry about them. As we **rejoice in the Lord**, we realize increasingly that God is bigger than any problem we may have. In fact, the Bible tells us that **Jesus destroyed the one who has the power of death, that is the devil, and (can) free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.** We do not have to live in fear of death, if we don't want to. With death itself conquered, the rest is small potatoes by comparison.

The fact remains, however, that we all do have problems. Some of our problems can seem overwhelming. Billy Graham likes to say, "Worry changes nothing but the lining of your stomach." We can worry all day, all week, or all month about our problems. All the worry in the world will not make our problems go away.

But we can take our problems to God in prayer. One part of the Christmas message is that God is concerned about the things which concern us. Another part of the Christmas message is that we humans don't always get it right. Jesus Christ did not come to earth for superfluous reasons. He came because we desperately needed a savior. He was the only one who could help. The fact that we humans don't always get it right also means that what we want is not always what God thinks is best. But as we entrust ourselves and our problems to Him, **by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.** "Christmas" means "celebrate Christ." **Rejoice in the Lord, always.** The joy and the peace of the Christmas season can be ours, all year round.

All Church Christmas Party Slated At First Baptist Church

A special Christmas celebration will be held this Sunday, December 14th, at First Baptist Church following morning worship.

Pastor Richard Barnes will speak on "More Than A Show," with selections from Luke as his scriptural reference at the 9:30 a.m. service. Immediately following the worship service, the party will be held in Bodurtha Hall. "Twas The Night Before Christmas," a Christmas musical, will be presented, directed by Steve Bailey.

After the presentation, a Christmas luncheon will be held. The First Baptist Church Bell Ringers will lead a Christmas sing-a-long, under the direction of Everett Hodge. Capping the activities will be a visit from Santa.

Everyone is invited to attend this ALL CHURCH celebration of Christmas.

At 7:00 p.m., the third in the advent series "Celebrate Christmas Around The World," held jointly with the Agawam Congregational Church, will be held at the Congregational Church.

Sights, sounds, stories, and tastes from around the world will be experienced by attendees.

Coming up this week:

Monday, December 15th: 7:30 p.m., Word Search bible study group.

Tuesday, December 16th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 6:30 p.m., Mr. & Mrs. Club Christmas meeting; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

Wednesday, December 17th: 7:15 a.m., Mid Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, December 18th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Christmas Concert At Sacred Heart Church On December 14th

Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills will present its Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday evening, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

The Senior Choir will sing the cantata, *It Took a Miracle*.

The Junior Choir will also be featured singing selections from the Christmas series, *Silent*, *Holy Night*.

Admission is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Center immediately following the concert. Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the needy of the community.

For more information, contact Jeanette Denoncourt at 786-6290 or the church rectory at 786-8200.

Pancake Breakfast Slated At Agawam United Methodist

Agawam United Methodist Church, located at 491 Mill Street, Feeding Hills, will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 21st, from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m.

The breakfast is free and open to all.

Our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. Thanks.

Yankee Pot Roast Dinner At Agawam United Methodist

A Yankee pot roast dinner will be held at Agawam United Methodist Church, 491 Mill Street, Feeding Hills, on Saturday, December 20th, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The donation is \$6, and walk-ins are welcome. However, for reserved seating, please call Paula or Karl at 786-3261.

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Holiday Bazaar At St. Theresa's Church



ST. THERESA'S CHURCH in North Agawam recently held its Annual Holiday Bazaar. From left - Gertrude Spagnoli, Kathy and Mary Beth Jamroz, and Barbara Racicot. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Nativity Scene Reenactment Again Planned By West Springfield Covenant Church

The West Springfield Covenant Community Church's live Nativity scene is a very special event that many from all over have come to see in the past years. This is the 10th year of presenting the live Nativity outside on the corner of Amostown and Piper Roads.

The Nativity participants will be dressed in colorful costumes portraying the authenticity of the Nativity as it was in Bethlehem. There will be some light dramatization and special singing as well. This year, new features and props have been added. People are asked to bring non-perishable

food items to be left in designated boxes at the Nativity. These items will be donated to the Open Pantry, an organization that ministers to needy families.

Live animals for children to feed and enjoyed will also be featured, as well as special Christmas music and refreshments. This will be a memorable and pleasant experience for the whole family.

The Nativity will be held on December 22nd and 23rd from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

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Feeding Hills Congregational Lists Next Week's Activities

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m. The lectionary readings for December 14th, the third Sunday of Advent, are Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7, and Luke 3:7-18.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "What Shall We Do?" Our Lector this week is Charlie Horens-tein. Children should attend worship with their parents, leaving at the designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Make the skier on your Christmas list happy by stopping at the Operation Friendship Ski Sale at this church on Saturday, December 13th. Consignments will be accepted in the evening on December 12th.

This Friday, December 12th, at 7:00 p.m. the church kitchen will be the hottest place in town! The Ladies' Benevolent Society will be making cookies for the Open Pantry. These cookies will be delivered to the Open Pantry for the Children's Christmas Party on December 13th. Prepare your favorite recipe to bring with you or just come along for the fun!

Don't forget! This Sunday we will have our monthly collection for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. Bags of groceries and articles of

clean, usable clothing are needed. Please check the bulletin board in Griswold Hall for a special list of seasonal events and needs.

The Deacons have invited all church members and friends to meet at the church next Sunday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. for Christmas caroling. If you don't have a great singing voice, bring along some friends who do!

Please remember that the deadline for submissions to the church newsletter is next Thursday, December 18th.

On the calendar:

Friday, Dec. 12th: 6:30-8:30 p.m., OF accepting ski consignments; 7:00 p.m., LBS cookie making for Open Pantry

Saturday, Dec. 13th: OF Ski Sale

Sunday, Dec. 14th: 10:00 a.m., Open Pantry Sunday; 2:00 p.m., Cub Scout Christmas Party; 6:30 p.m., Caroling

Monday, Dec. 15th: 4:00-5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30-7:30 p.m., Cub Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Trustees

Tuesday, Dec. 16th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Deacons

Wednesday, Dec. 17th: 6:30 p.m., Music Committee; 7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal; 7:30 p.m., Christian Ed. Committee

Thursday, Dec. 18th: Newsletter deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Chicken Supper Slated At Valley Community Church

Valley Community Church invites everyone to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to come and share dinner in a quiet, relaxing atmosphere.

Our next monthly CHICKEN SUPPER will be held on Saturday, December 13th. Come and enjoy baked chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, two hot vegetables, tossed salad, olives, pickles, cranberry sauce, rolls with butter, and a beverage.

Then stroll over to the dessert table and take your choice from those homemade, luscious-tasting desserts. You are sure to leave fully nourished and fully rested.

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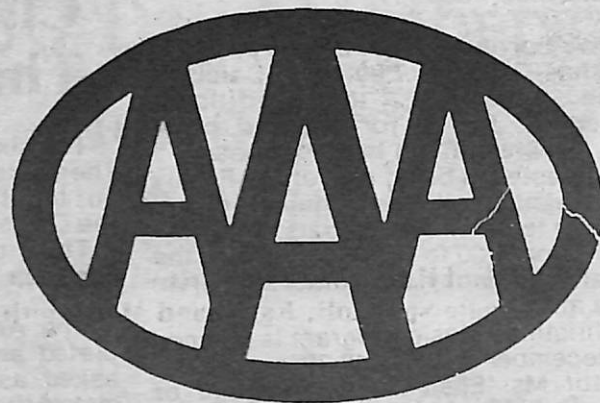
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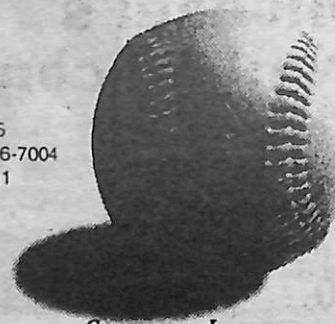
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Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, December 14th, is the Third Sunday in Advent. The Candle of Joy will be lit by the Mallory family (Elsie, Wayne, Stephen, Kevin, and Erin) and Marion Brindle before the Call to Worship at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's sermon will be "Turning to God," taken from the text of Zephaniah. The Children, Crib Room through sixth grade, will meet downstairs for Children's Communion.

Following Communion and Church School, Children's Choir will meet for rehearsal from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The Children's Choir add their voices to two Worship Services each month under the direction of Ellen Cogen, Minister of Music.

The children in Church School are continuing to learn about the Advent Season. This week's theme is "Turning to God."

The highly praised program, "Whole People of God," is used for every age group: for grades seven through 12 (9:00 to 10:00 a.m.), and for three year-olds through grade six (10:30 to 11:30 a.m.).

Church School is open to all children. Your child may join at any time during the year.

Advent Series: "How Do You Prepare Your Home & Heart For Christmas?" Experience the sights, sounds, stories, and tastes from around the globe as we concentrate on: affirming others, accepting ourselves, and appreciating the global Body of Christ.

Guest speakers from four different lands and cultures will be joining us. The next two sessions, December 14th and 21st, will meet at the Agawam Congregational Church from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information concerning the series, call the church office, 786-7111.

Christmas Eve Services will be at 5:00 p.m., the Family Christmas Pageant; 7:00 p.m., Carols & Candles; and 11:00 p.m., the Traditional Candlelight Service. Join us for one, two, or all three to bring the Christ Child into your heart.

If you are interested in being part of the Family Christmas Pageant, call the church office, 786-7111, or come to the two rehearsals, Saturday, December 13th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., and to the dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 20th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

A special Christmas Music Program is planned for Sunday, December 21st, at 10:30 a.m. under the direction of Ms. Ellen Cogen, Minister of Music.

Join us as the Adult and Children Choirs share their voices in beautiful songs of the season.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is a Holiday Special (small boxes of raisins, nuts, candy, etc.).

Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

Public Is Invited To Valley Comm. Church During Advent Season

The congregation at Valley Community Church invites everyone to come and share in the preparation of the birth of Jesus Christ during this Advent Season.

Through various scripture readings, Pastor Steve Dennehy will lead us in preparing our hearts for the coming of the birth of Jesus Christ in ways that we can understand and apply.

The Sunday worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship begins at 10:30 a.m. in Dunn Hall. Church school for all ages begins at 11:00 a.m.

The monthly meeting of the **Board of Administration**, scheduled for Monday, December 8th, has been rescheduled for Monday, December 15th.

All boards and committees are encouraged to have their annual reports available at this time.

The **Senior Choir** will be meeting on Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.

All choir members are urged to attend as they begin fine-tuning their music selections for this holiday season.

The monthly **Chicken Supper** will be held on Saturday, December 13th. (Please see a separate announcement within this paper for further details.)

Valley Community Church is located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Children At St. Theresa's Church Donate Thanksgiving Food For Open Pantry

The sixth and eighth grade CCD students of St. Theresa's Church in Agawam donated food and put together a food basket which was donated to the Open Pantry for Thanksgiving.

This project was supervised by Suzanne Svadeba and Denette Pease, their teachers.

The Annual Christmas Giving Tree was completed and is now set up in church. People are asked, as in the past years, to pick out a tag, purchase the item, wrap it, and place it back under the tree and put the tag on the package.

All gifts should be under the tree by December 22nd.

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St. David's Church Has Christmas Week Services

ST DAVID'S SERVICES - A BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Be sure to invite your friends to either of our Christmas Eve Services, noting that each has its specific focus. The **5:00 p.m. Service** is specifically designed for children, features the Junior Choir and a brief message for children, is light and joyous, and lasts about an hour-and-a-quarter.

Child care for small children is available. The **11:00 p.m. Service** has adults in mind, and has no childcare, but mature children are welcome to this "traditional" candlelight service, which features the Senior Choir and an adult message, is deep and reverent, and lasts about an hour-and-a-half.

The **10:00 a.m. Service Christmas Day** is a simple Eucharist with hymns which lasts an hour, serving as a reminder that opening presents is set against the backdrop of our greatest gift, Jesus Christ. Use these special services as special opportunities to witness to the love of our Lord.

WEEKEND SERVICES AFTER CHRISTMAS

Lessons and Carols will be read and sung at all services the first weekend after Christmas, December 28th-29th, following the pattern of the famous "Lessons and Carols" service held each Christmas Eve at King's College, Cambridge, England.

Join us and invite your friends to take part in this wonderful way of remembering the real meaning of Christmas found in the prophecies of Christ found in the Scripture, and in those wonderful hymns which proclaim Him.

Grades six through 10 CCD classes will be going carol singing at the nursing home on December 15th.

A penitential service will be held on December 22nd; 4:00 p.m. for grades three, four, and five; 7:00 p.m. for all upper grades.

The Annual Christmas Pageant will take place on December 24th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass under the direction of Miss Katherineine Anderson. Students will be notified of rehearsal times.

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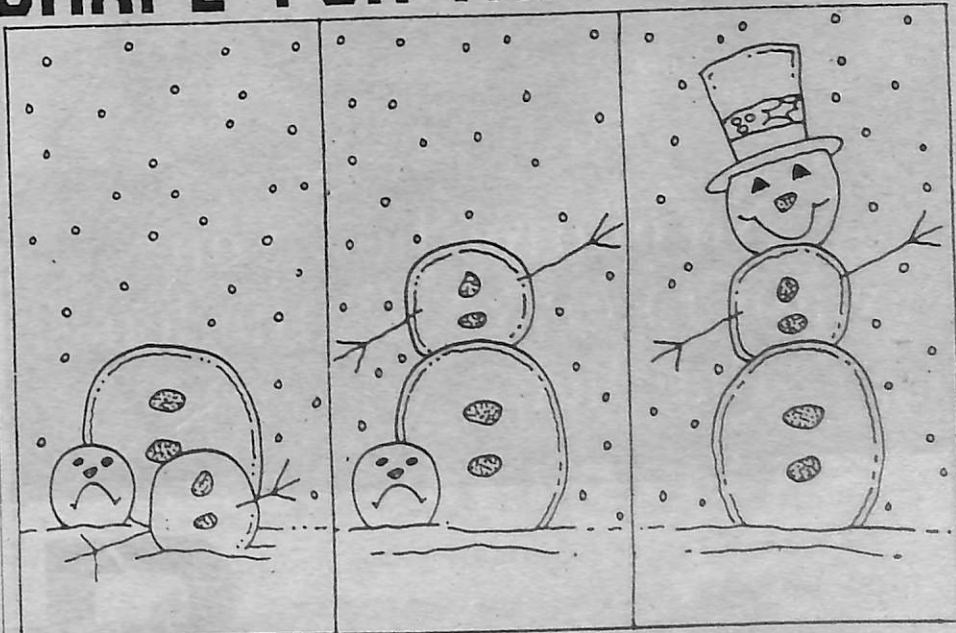
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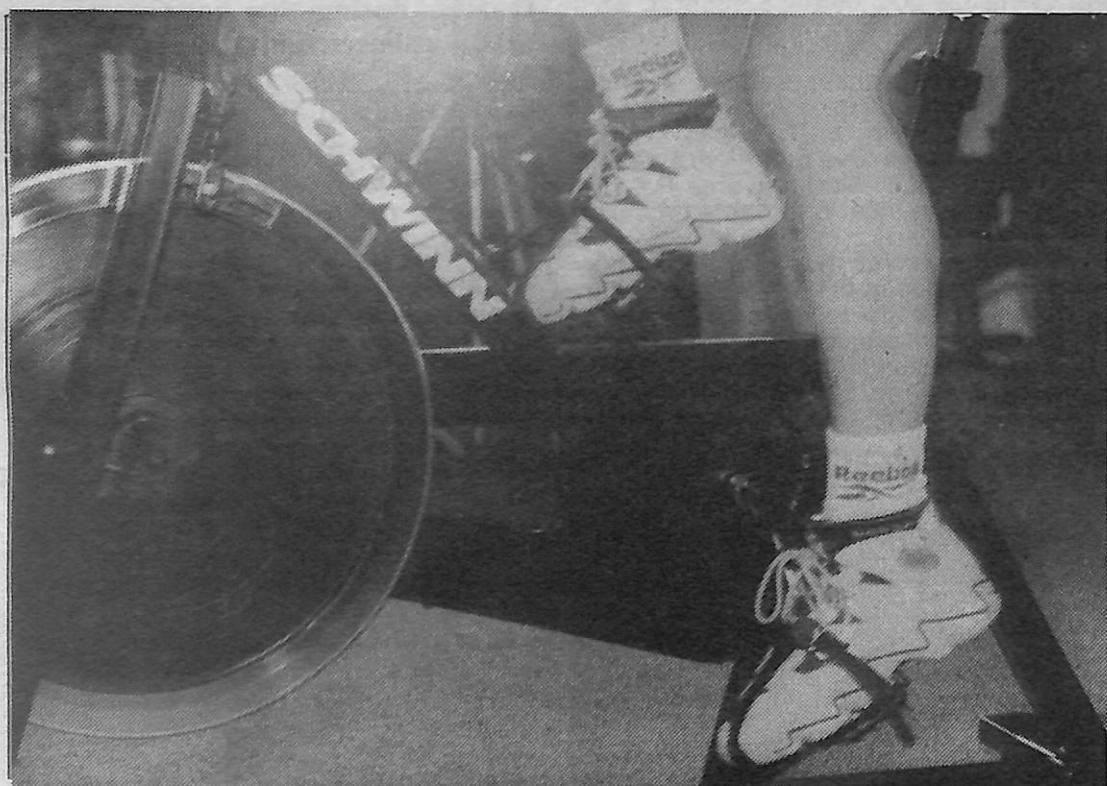
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Spotlight On Business

Legal Memo

by

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Bankruptcy — An Overview...

Despite the improving economy, bankruptcy filings in Massachusetts are breaking records. Figures maintained by the clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts indicate a total of 17,410 bankruptcy petitions were filed in 1996 — an increase of nearly 20 percent over the previous record set in 1993. For the first quarter of 1997, bankruptcy filings in Massachusetts are up 28.5 percent over the same period in 1996.

Nationally, bankruptcy petitions filed for calendar year 1996 totaled an all-time high. The most significant increases are in consumer bankruptcies, principally Chapter 7 and Chapter 13.

The expansion of the Massachusetts exemption provisions and the enactment of the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994, which doubled the amounts of federal exemptions, have made exemptions a high-stakes arena for conflict between debtors and trustees and the creditors they see to benefit.

New bankruptcy rules effective August 1, 1997, have helped speed up proceedings in the bankruptcy court, create consistency in cases, and reduce costs for attorneys and clients. These rules include:

- permit attorneys to file certain papers with the court by fax;
- require parties to have conference with the proponent of a disclosure statement in a Chapter 11 case before filing an objection to the statement;
- mandate that attorneys engage in more rigorous conflict checks and disclose the source of their retainer on a client's "application to employ professional persons";
- require a party filing multiple objections to claims to also file a "Report and Hearing Agenda" detailing the status of each claim and objection; and
- create a rigid format for Chapter 13 Bankruptcy plans.

Ultimately, filing bankruptcy and choosing the appropriate exemptions are an area of critical importance. Careful planning by the debtor's counsel can create significant benefits for the debtor, enhancing their fresh start after bankruptcy.

At the same time, creditor representatives must take seriously the need to carefully analyze the debtor's choice of exemptions in a bankruptcy filing and, if necessary, question their choices.

Attorney Alan J. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

Feeding Hills Couple Win "Dream Garage Giveaway" From Toro

Roger and Cathy Paquette of Feeding Hills are winners of the Toro Company's "Dream Garage Giveaway" National Sweepstakes. They are among five winners across the country to receive a garage full of prizes, including a Toro Wheel Horse Purple Flamed Tractor.

The Toro Power Curve Snowthrower will come in handy now, but the real fun will be shocking the neighbors next spring with the renowned Toro Wheel Horse Purple Tractor.

The custom-painted tractor, complete with flames flickering from the mower deck and hood, is part of a Toro Wheel Horse advertising campaign. The slogan featured in the ad is "We paint them red so you won't scare the neighbors."

When Randy Wright, of Acorn Lawn Equipment Company, called to give the Paquettes the good news, Roger said, "You sure you've got the right name? We've never won anything like this before."

Roger and Cathy will be awarded their "Dream Garage" prizes at Acorn Lawn Equipment Company in Feeding Hills.

Keenan & Molta To Help "Toys For Tots"

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta affiliate sales associates would like all children to experience holiday joy. In cooperation with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, they will be participating as Toys for Tots sponsors this holiday season.

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates will serve as an official collection center from December 6th through December 15th. The public is encouraged to participate by donating new, unwrapped toys to Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates, located in Agawam, Longmeadow, Southwick, Springfield, and Westfield.

"Every child should be given the opportunity to have a happy holiday season," said Robert Molta, President. "With the community's support, we'll be able to provide children in need in the Greater Springfield area with a more memorable holiday experience." Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta has been participating in this cause for five years.

Founded in 1947, Toys for Tots has evolved from a small Los Angeles-area project to a nationwide campaign. The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve distributes the toys to local charitable organizations.

If you are unable to come by, Kathy Rose, coordinator, can be reached at (413) 748-6137 and arrangements will be made to pick up your gift. Thank you for your generosity. Wishing you and your families a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

A Warm Holiday...



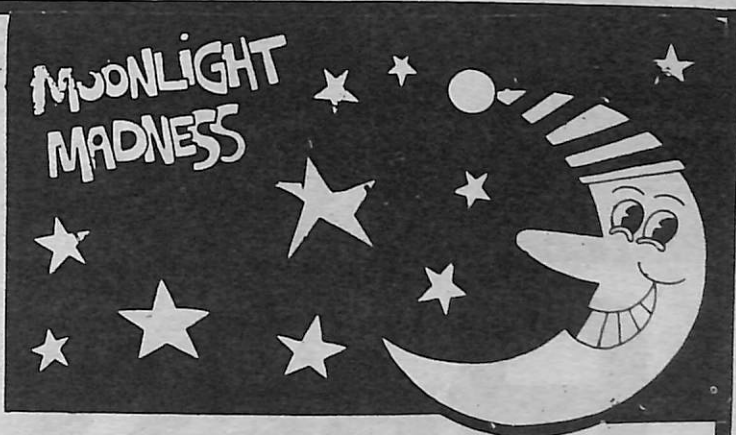
BANKBOSTON employees and customers are currently pitching in - into a laundry hamper, that is, during this holiday season to help needy children and families in the Pioneer Valley. In Agawam, the two BankBoston branches (Food Mart Shopping Center; Super Stop & Shop in Feeding Hills Center) are collecting items for the Agawam Junior Women's Club and for Annie's Place. Pictured above at the Super Stop & Shop branch of BankBoston are BankBoston employees Seanna Charest, Gina Fusick, and Tina Swiatlowski watching members of the Houle Family, Kim, James, and Danny place their items into the laundry hamper. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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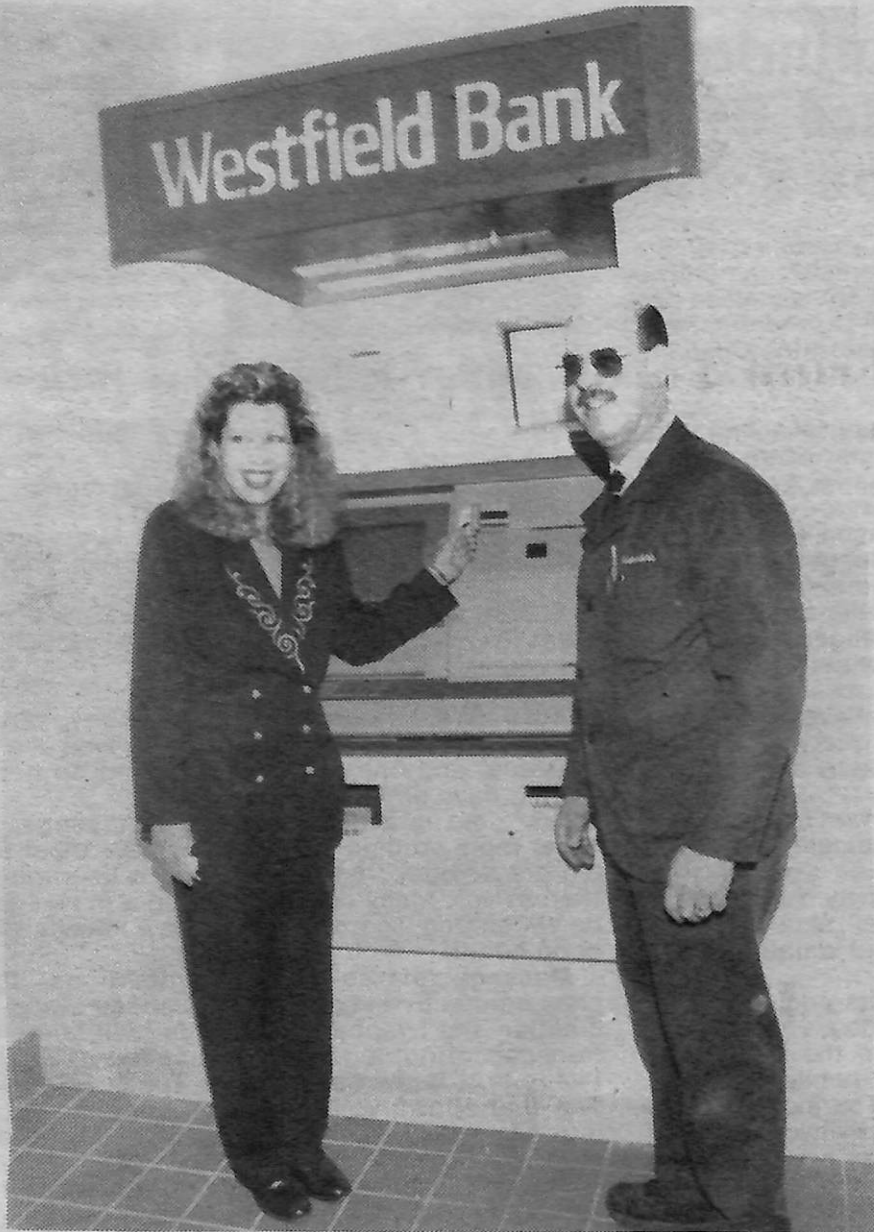
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WESTFIELD BANK Agawam branch Manager Donna Kennedy gives Geissler's Supermarkets management staff members Dan Taupier (left) and Tom Scavotto (right) a few pointers about using the new Westfield Bank ATM located at the front entrance. Geissler's is located in the Southgate Shopping Plaza on Suffield Street. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

New ATM For Westfield Bank Operating At Geissler's Supermarket In Agawam

A new Automatic Teller Machine for Westfield Bank patrons has just been introduced at the new Geissler's Supermarket, located in the Southgate Plaza on Suffield Street in Agawam.

"With the Agawam office one of our most active branches, we felt that adding a second ATM in the community would be advantageous for local patron," commented Westfield Bank President,

Donald A. Williams. "With this new ATM, customers will be able to make deposits or withdrawals any time of the day or night, every day of the year."

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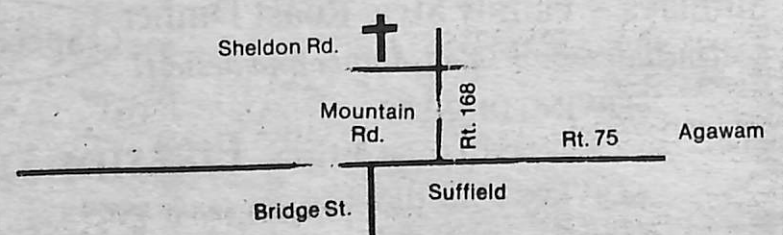
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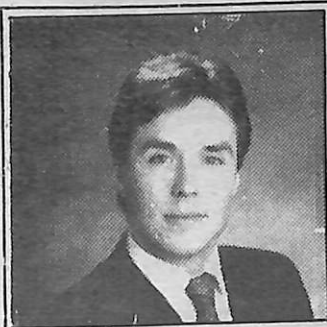
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The condition, called vertebral subluxation, describes a problem that is much more common than previously thought. Unfortunately, it is often overlooked. Commonly the alignment of the vertebrae is disturbed so that pinching of nerves may occur. Neck, shoulder, and arm pain or numbness may occur in the weeks and months to follow.

Some late manifestations of this condition may show up on x-ray examination. Localized arthritis and degenerative joint disease in the cervical spine (neck) often accompany chronic numbness problems.

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Cancer Survivors Invited To Attend Free Holiday Party

Area cancer survivors are invited to attend a free holiday party Monday, December 22nd, 7:00 p.m. at Mercy Hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

The event is part of the hospital's monthly "Living With Cancer" series which focuses on topics of interest to cancer patients, their families, and friends. The group is co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Advance registration is not required. For more information, call Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., (413) 748-9453.

Toy-Related Injuries Can Be Avoided By Using Common Sense

"Many toy-related injuries occur after the holidays when parents overestimate their child's ability to handle a toy made for an older age group," said Shirley LaRoche, R.N., coordinator of the Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition headquartered at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital.

If adults do not factor safety into their gift-giving, holiday excitement may turn tragic, LaRoche said.

When thinking safety first as you purchase a gift for children this holiday season, the Safe Kids Coalition offers the following suggestions:

- * Toys with small, removable parts are hazardous particularly to children under age three.

- * Toys with sharp points or edges may enable children to unintentionally cut or stab themselves or another person.

- * Propelled toys should have soft, non-removable ends to prevent eye injury.

- * Electric toys should be used by children who are at least eight years old.

LaRoche noted that it's important to always use age recommendations as the guideline for selecting safe, appropriate toys.

"If a toy is too advanced, it then becomes a hazard," said LaRoche. "Toys should be interesting, well constructed, and durable to the child."

The Safe Kids Coalition offers additional tips for selecting the most suitable toys:

- * Infants to one-year-olds: In the second six months, children become more mobile and are at increased risk of suffocation. The most suitable toys for the first year include activity quilts, stuffed animals without button noses and eyes, bath toys, soft dolls, baby swings, and squeaky toys.

- * One- to two-year-old toddlers: At this age, children are curious and have no sense of danger. The best toys for this age group are books, blocks, fit-together toys, balls, push and pull toys, pounding toys, and shape toys.

- * Two- to five-year-old preschoolers: This age group likes tests of physical strength and begins to develop skills such as increasing finger control and the ability to build with large blocks and construction materials. Toys that are most suitable for this age group include approved nontoxic art supplies, books, videos, musical instruments, and outdoor toys such as a baseball tee stand, slide, or swing.

- * Five- to nine-year-old school children: In this age group, children are creative and more physically active. Recommended toys include bicycles, crafts, jump ropes, roller skates, and protective gear, puppets, electric trains, and sports equipment.

- * Ten- to 14-year-old school children: At this age, children enjoy team sports and games that require increased dexterity. For these children, the most appropriate gifts are computers, microscopes, table and board games, and outdoor sports equipment.

For more information on toy safety, call LaRoche at 784-5434.



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Dealing With Holiday Stress...

This week, I'd like to introduce a "guest writer" to this column — our wonderful massage therapist, Sharon Broggi.

Sharon is a graduate of the Florida School of Massage and has worked the past two years in New Hampshire and Vermont. She has been at our office since this summer.

Sharon is enthusiastic and talented and does a great job! We're truly thankful she is associated with our office.

Are you feeling frazzled as the holidays rapidly approach? Stressed about errands, travel, and the thousand and one things you have to do before the big days arrive?

Any time is a good time for a massage, but never more so than in a season where most people are so busy that they neglect to take care of themselves. Many consider getting a massage to be pampering. I consider massage a necessity for good health.

Massage relaxes muscle contractions, stretches connective tissue, and increases blood circulation and lymphatic flow, thus facilitating the transport of nutrients and elimination of wastes. In addition, it gives you the time, space, and attention that allows you to regroup, enabling you to return to your responsibilities refreshed and relaxed.

Stressful events tend to add up in their toll on your body — that is, when they don't multiply instead. Taking a breather gives a new, calmer perspective on all the little annoyances that steal joy from the holiday season — from not getting a good parking space to burning a batch of sugar cookies.

There are many ways to take that breather, including some focused breathing. Schedule some time for favorite activities, stretch or do some yoga, pray or meditate, and take time to laugh.

Of course, my favorite relaxation method is receiving a massage. I usually combine it with some diaphragmatic breathing, and when the massage is over, I can feel the blood humming through my body, all my muscles and joints feel loose and mobile, my voice is deeper, and my steps feel lighter as I walk.

I urge you to take time for yourself this holiday season, and remember that massage also makes a wonderfully touching gift.

Sharon is the owner of Touch of Comfort Massage Therapy and can be reached at the office of **Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820**. She is available for appointments on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.

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*For Your Health - continued...***Managing
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STRESS**by Dr. Stephen Sobel
M.S., S.M.C.**Feedback, Not Criticism...**

Dear Dr. Sobel: I have a special favor to ask. I have read many of your columns throughout the past 10 years. My all-time favorite and valuable column was titled, "CHILDREN NEED MUCH FEEDBACK. NOT CRITICISM."

I did lend that column to someone recently, and they unfortunately lost it! Can you please have it printed again as I am sure others need to be reminded? Thanks!

J.T.M.
Agawam

Dear AAN Reader:

I have delivered close to a half dozen major presentations to school, parents, and professional groups within the past two months. Much of my focus was on methods to develop children's

**Cancer Support Group
Has Weekly Meetings
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Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. Meetings are conducted Mondays, 7:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center, and are free of charge.

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Send letters to Dr. Sobel in care of The AAN, P.O. Box 263, F. Hills, MA 01030.

self-esteem and their ability to connect to adults who can guide and nurture them through life's inevitable trials and tribulations.

An interesting and powerful piece of "advice" I spoke about was that parents and concerned adults have to make special efforts (like when your supply of AMP [Adult Mature Patience] is low) to give kids feedback that let them know what your expectations are and that you have confidence that they can meet them.

Kids need to know that you believe in their ability to walk even a fine line. You ensure success by building in structure and consequences that you can truly follow-up on. (i.e., If your child was supposed to be home by 4:00 p.m. and he/she arrives at 4:15, then it is absolutely critical to review in an "informational manner" what the rule (which was pre-established by YOU) about being home and what the logical consequence is to be).

Negative criticism is often heard audibly, but rarely "digested" for any growth by the child. Many times it is not what you say, but how you say it. SO, parents, grandparents, teachers, and concerned adults, take a deep breath and give feedback to get feedback. Only then can we produce a better game plan for the "next time."

Negative criticism often short-circuits what could be a learning experience and a chance to help increase the way a child positively feels about himself or herself. Take that to the bank!

Please send any questions about stress, personal or work-related, to Dr. Steve Sobel, c/o The AAN, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

**Alzheimer's Support
Group Is Available
At The Atrium**

The Atrium at Cardinal Drive has announced a new support group for individuals in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease.

This early diagnosed group will meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is planned for December 16th at the new assisted living facility located at 153 Cardinal Drive in Agawam.

Support groups offer a safe environment to share ideas, feelings, and concerns. For more information, call 788-7700 or 821-9911.

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**Support Groups And
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Crohn's & Colitis: Tuesday, December 16, 1997, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room A, Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield, MA. Program: A Holiday Gathering. Free of charge and open to anyone with Crohn's Disease or Colitis and their support persons. For the December meeting, participants are asked to bring a donation of a non-perishable food item to be given to a local charity.

Stroke: Wednesday, November 17, 1997, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital. Free of charge and open to anyone recovering from stroke and their support persons.

Diabetes: Will not meet in December.

CPR COURSE

Noble Hospital offers monthly CPR courses. The next class is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17th. Classes are given in the Education Department on the ground floor of the Westfield hospital.

The course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant certification. The cost is \$40 per person.

To register or obtain more information, contact the Noble Hospital Education Department at 568-2811, ext. 5914.

SMOKING CESSATION

Noble Hospital will sponsor a smoking cessation course, "Forgetting Cigarettes." This is a two-part program that will be held at the hospital from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on two consecutive Mondays, January 5th and 12th.

The cost of the two-part program is \$40 per person. The program utilizes hypnosis and will be conducted by Joseph Barako, a registered nurse and certified hypnotherapist.

This two-evening course is designed to eliminate all desire for smoking and allow participants to forget cigarettes forever. Class size is limited, and pre-registration is required.

To register or to obtain more information, call 568-2328.

Remember, our next deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 16th, at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Monday, Dec. 15th. Thank you!

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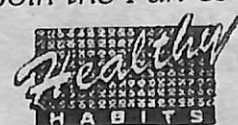
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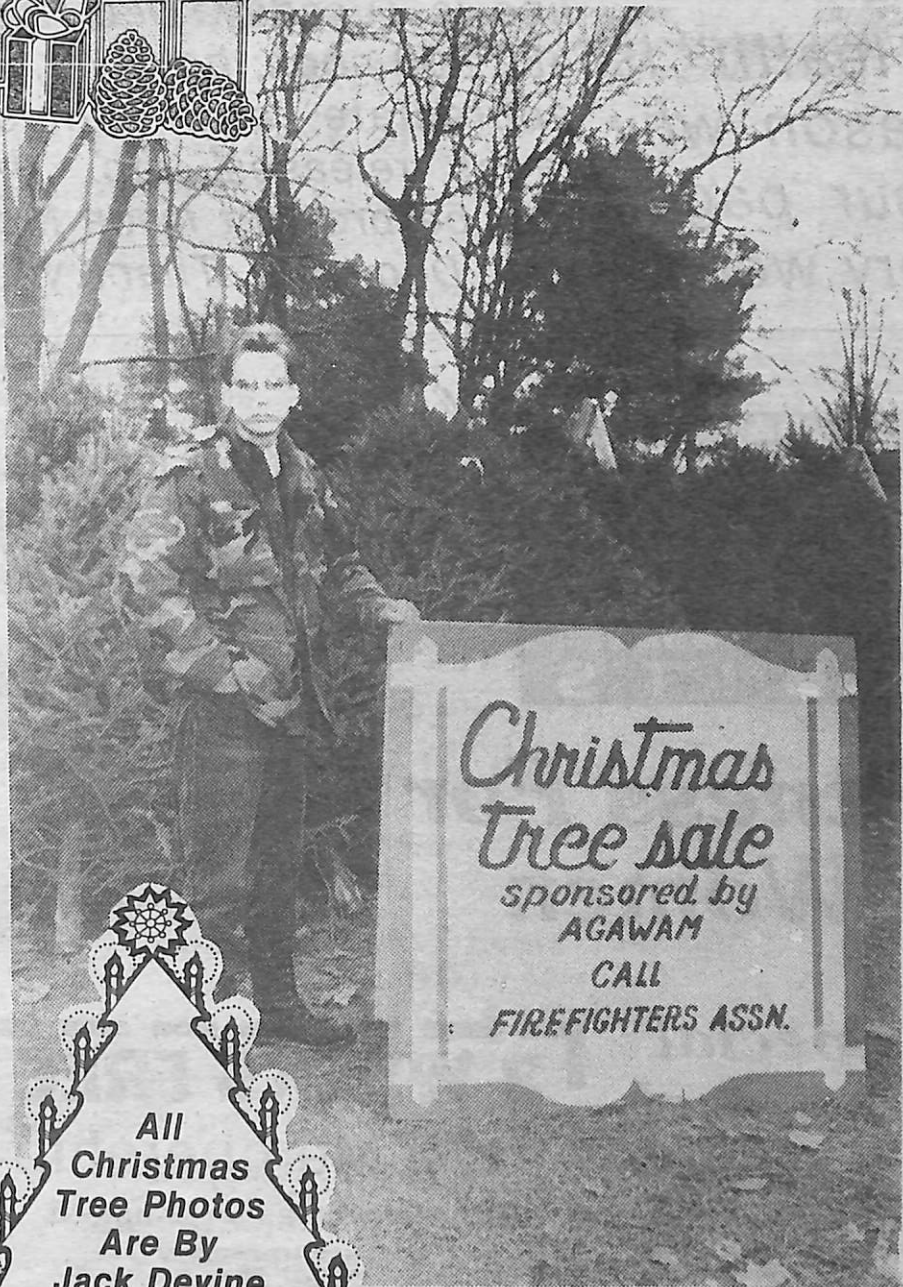
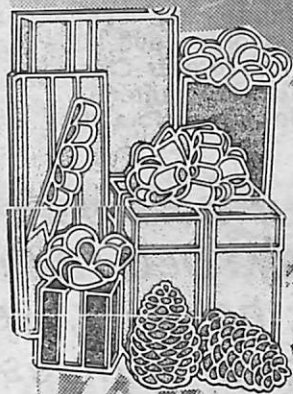
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In left photo: Anthony D'Agostino (right) helps Joe Berrios and Janet Rodriguez with their Christmas tree selection at Cincotta Farms at 1252 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. In right photo: Laura Cincotta arranges wreaths with her granddaughter, Laura.

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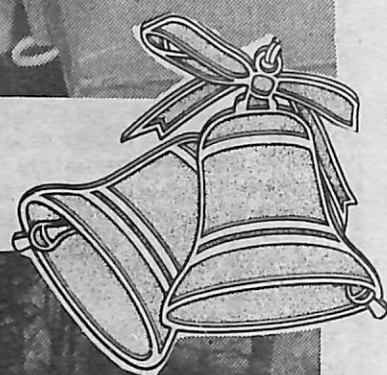
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In left photo: Jason Placzek and the Zukowski family — Art, Angela, Kristina, Nick, and Sue (with their dog "Mitch") — at Greeneedle Plantation, 425 South West Street, Feeding Hills. In right photo: The Harbey girls — Paige, 8, and Lexi, 3 — like the wreaths at Greeneedle Plantation.





Arts

Kids' Storytimes To Begin In January At Agawam Library

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All programs run from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call the library at 789-1550.

Ransom Of Red Chief Includes Town Actors In West Side Show

The Theater Project will present O'Henry's acclaimed short story "The Ransom of Red Chief" December 4, 1997 through January 4, 1998, according to Theater Project founder Danny Eaton.

Sondra Radosh will direct the holiday play, which is geared for all members of the family. Appearing in the production will be Agawam resident Sara Dorans as Mary Alice.

The play, the second presentation of the Theater Project's full season, will be followed by "Robeson" (January 20-February 12, 1998), "The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui" (February 19-March 14, 1998), and an encore presentation of "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" (April 2-May 9, 1998).

"The Ransom of Red Chief" is the third production the Theater Project has presented in its new permanent sit. Immediately following the renovation of the long-abandoned Majestic Theater last spring, the Theater Project launched "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" to rave reviews and an extended run. A number of Holly historians, including his widow, Maria Elena, attended and approved of the show.

Tickets for "The Ransom of Red Chief" range from \$12 to \$17 depending on the time of performance, and can be purchased by calling the box office at (413) 747-7797. Discounts are available for students, seniors, and groups. In addition, season subscriptions for the Theater Project are currently available by calling the box office.

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Dale Facey directs and the show dates are March 5th, 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th & 21st. Scripts are available for review at Kent Library. For more information, call (413) 788-6903.

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Christmas Carol Sing At Spfld.'s Quadrangle

The Springfield Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will host a Public Christmas Carol Sing on Saturday, December 13th at 3:00 p.m. at Springfield's Christ Church Cathedral on Chestnut Street (in the Quadrangle).

This family event will include Christmas music from England, Europe, and America, and carols for audience, brass, organ, and choir, with organists Peter Beardsley and Carol Spinelli, the choral group Novi Cantori, directed by Allan Taylor, and The New England Brass Quartet.

This event is free and open to the public.

Agawam Cultural Council Seeks To Increase Membership

The Agawam Cultural Council would like to increase its membership for the coming year. The members of the council are also very interested in obtaining input from town residents as to the kind of programs they'd like to see for the council's "First Friday" series and summer concert series. Representation from various civic groups would also be most helpful.

Interested parties should contact the Mayor's office for further information or Sylvia Deliso at 786-1859.

Remember, our next deadline is Tuesday, December 16th, at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Monday, December 15th. Thank you!



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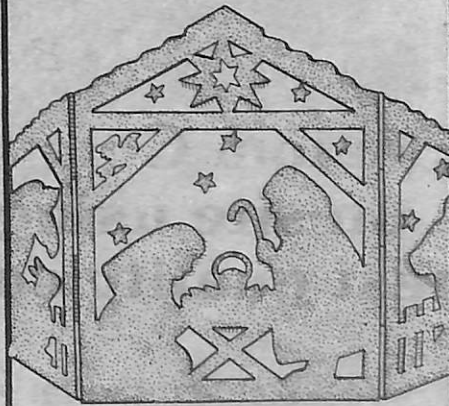
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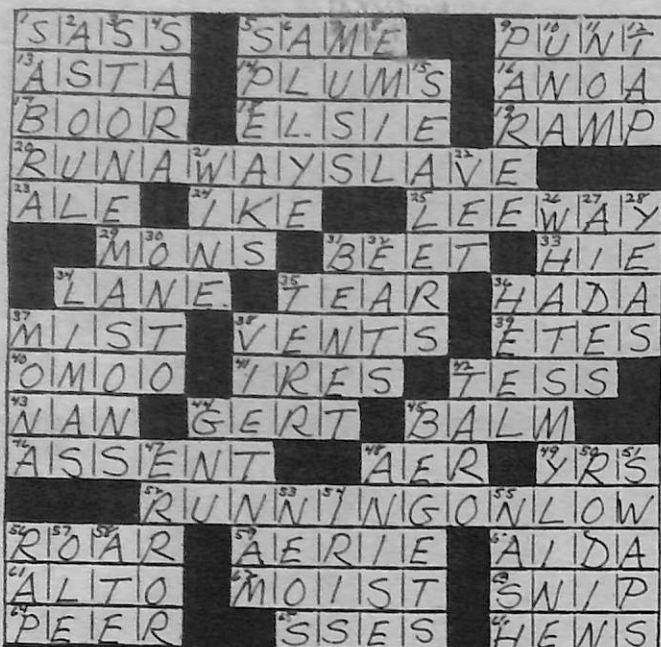
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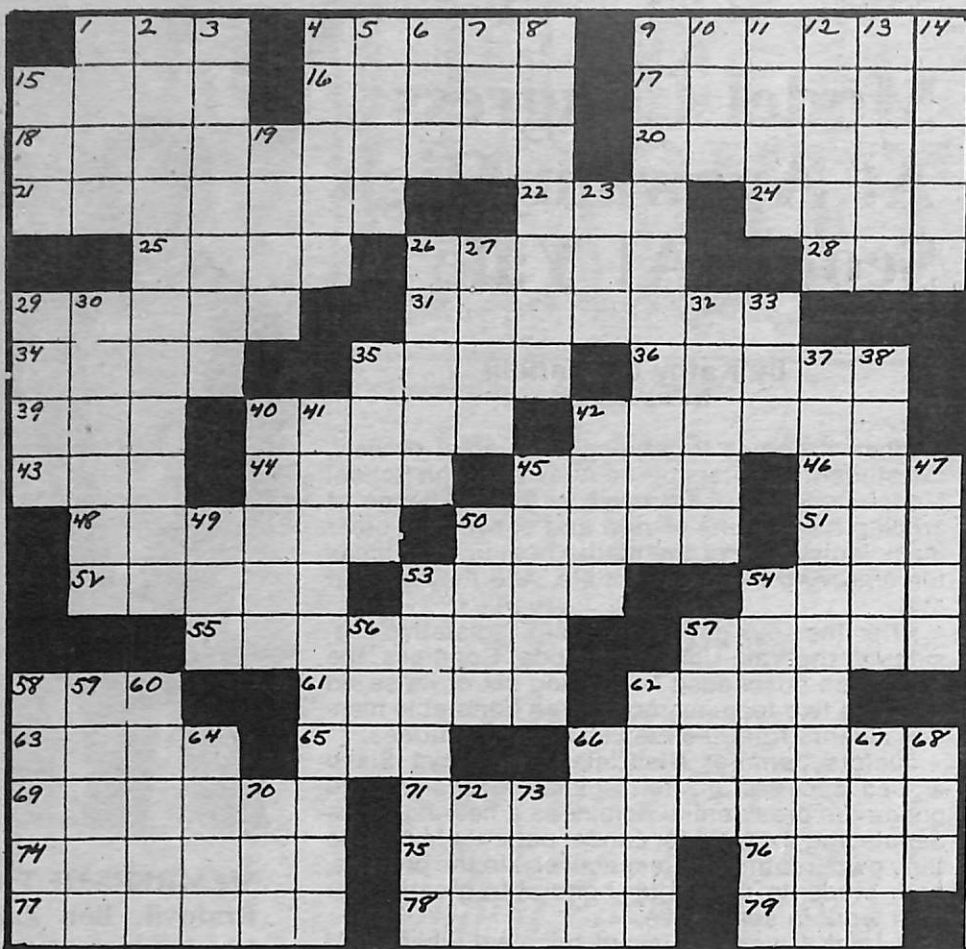
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Education

Model Congress At Agawam High Scores At Yale

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

When it comes to arguing their point of view, the student debaters of the Agawam High School Model Congress Club revel in the challenge of arguing their points of view and convincing other mock legislators of the merits behind their ideas for improving the quality of life. And they're good at it.

After the four days of student legislative sessions at the Yale University Model Congress, the AHS team succeeded in passing six of its seven bills and two team members won honorable mention awards from their legislative committees.

Juniors **Jennifer Niedziela** and **Alicyn Siano** argued successfully for legislation designed to guarantee presidential nominees a hearing in the Senate and the right for cancer patients to choose their own treatments, respectively. In the process, both students picked up honorable mention for their work in committee.

"I think I won the award because whenever I spoke, I tried to incorporate both sides of the issue and I worked cooperatively with other committee members," Jenn said.

Club President (junior) **Justin Kratovil** said the T-shirts presented to the delegates pretty much sum up the philosophy of the Model Congress: "We build leaders."

Before he became involved in the student debate club, senior **Tom Livengood** said he was a C or D student. After two years in Model Congress, Tom is close to the honor roll and has gained the confidence that he can compete successfully in an academic setting.

He's also finding out that family life improves as grades improve, giving his parents more reason to be proud of his accomplishments.

"...A Sense Of Responsibility..."

"The club gives us a sense of responsibility and discipline. It makes me feel good that people listen to what I have to say and have respect for that," Tom said. "We're getting rid of the cliché that teens aren't respectful or responsible."

Justin Kratovil agreed, "We're able to have political experience when most of us aren't even old enough to vote. From our experiences, we learn how to work on a political basis."

In his first trip with the club, freshman **Bob Zajac** managed to convince the Congress to enact legislation aimed at putting an end to unnecessarily long delays in the construction of federally funded projects.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL MODEL CONGRESS, from left - **Justin Kratovil**, **Bob Zajac**, **Tom Livengood**, **Patricia O'Toole**, **Lisa Niedziela**, and **Brooke Chichakly** recently participated in four days of student legislation at the Yale University Model Congress. Two team members won honorable mentions for their efforts. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"It was very enjoyable to be with your friends and to see the Yale campus," Bob said. "It was a good experience to go there and get that kind of exposure."

Also joining the club for the first time was junior **Patricia O'Toole**. She saw her bill allowing teens to be granted adult status before age 18 (on a case-by-case basis based on their ability to function independently of their parents) enacted by the Model Congress.

"I felt very strongly that some teens can handle themselves and support themselves without their parents having any say," Patricia said.

A three-year delegate with Model Congress, **Brooke Chichakly** has no regrets, even though her bill to ban partial birth abortion except when medically necessary or to preserve the health of the mother, died in committee.

Brooke explained, "If I had had two more people at the committee meeting, the bill would have passed the committee. But, they'd gotten lost on the way to the meeting room and were too late to vote."

Brooke said the biggest arguments against her legislation centered on the possibility of future bills that might ultimately ban all abortions.

"They said it would have a domino effect so that pro-life would take over the country," Brooke said.

Photo ID Gets Little Opposition

Justin ran into little opposition to his proposal to require the use of photo ID's for people picking up prescription medications containing narcotics. His bill passed 18-0 (with one abstention from a delegate who didn't understand the bill).

"Right now, anyone can pick up medications (at pharmacies), including narcotics. This is a problem affecting the whole country and it needs to be addressed," Justin said.

As a result of their work in the Model Congress, both Justin and Tom are looking at some type of involvement in the political arena in the future.

Interested in one day serving on the Agawam City Council, Justin would like to work in the medical field. Tom is setting his sights on a career as a union activist, representing the concerns of the workers.

The AHS Model Congress will be sending delegates to the American International College Model Congress in January and is considering attending the Model Congress at Rutgers or Harvard Universities in the spring.

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AHS's Academic Decathlon Team Earns 12 Medals

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

After a three year hiatus, Agawam High School students returned to the scholastic competition of the Academic Decathlon held at Pittsfield High School last month.

Pitting themselves against teams from 12 other Western Massachusetts schools, Agawam's nine-member team took home a total of 12 medals in the day-long contest.

AHS junior Eric Sunny was the team's top medal winner with a total of five, including gold medals in art, music, and literature, and bronze medals in social studies and science. The remaining AHS medal winners were all seniors.

In addition to winning gold, silver, and bronze medals in interview, math, and science, **Daryl St. Laurent** won the prestigious General Electric \$200 prize in math. **Geoff Krapf** won the silver medal in speech; **Jon Couture** won the bronze medal in social studies and art; **Dan Cizek** won a bronze medal in science.

Geoff credited the humorous style of his prepared speech, which is basically the essay he'll be using in his college applications packets, with helping him bring home his silver medal.

"I've learned that you have to be able to laugh at yourself to be successful. My speech was all about the first time I drove the family mini van (believe me, there's nothing mini about it) to the store to buy groceries when my mom was sick. I talked about all the problems I had getting to the store and getting home with the groceries," Geoff said.

Jon has "no idea how I got a medal in art, but I think (Advisor Lawrence) Mr. O'Brien's background in art helped us a lot. Social studies has always been a strong subject for me. It's something I've always enjoyed."

Asked why they had volunteered to do so much extra work and spend so much time preparing for the national competition, both students said, "Because Mr. O'Brien asked us to."

Besides being their English teacher, Larry O'Brien is their advisor for the television quiz show, "As Schools Match Wits."

Along with English teacher Kathleen Mounemineh, O'Brien resurrected the Academic Decathlon after the club was doomed by lack of student interest, coupled with the lack of funding to purchase the study guides prepared by the organizers of the national scholastic competition.

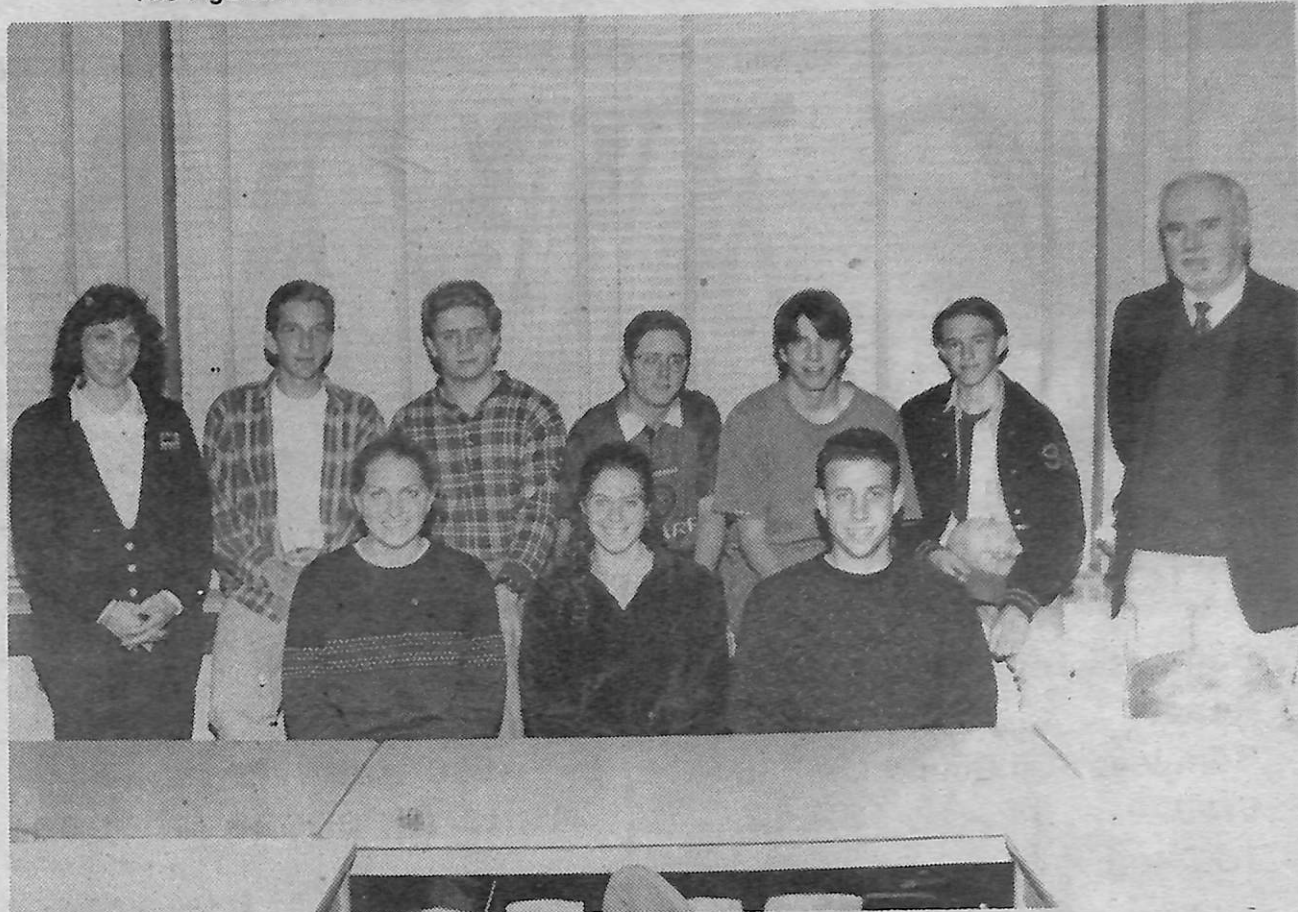
School Council Funding

Using the kids in the "As Schools Match Wits" Club as the core group for the Academic Decathlon, the two advisors began meeting with the students one hour a week in September.

With funding from the AHS School Council, the advisors were able to buy the 75-page study guide to prepare the students for the Super Quiz topic, "Globalization: The New Economy." The team was also able to afford to buy study materials like art reproductions, music CD's and study guides for some of the subject areas.

In addition to using those study materials, the students were required to read Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre*.

Each participating school puts together a team of nine students, made up of three Honor students, three Scholastic students, and three varsity students. Eligibility for the three categories is based on student grade point averages of A, B, or C.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Academic Decathlon Team (back row, from left) - Kathy Mounemineh (advisor), Mario Santillo, Geoff Krapf, Jon Couture, Daryl St. Laurent, Matt Norris, and Lawrence O'Brien (advisor). Front row - Lindy Gage, Jen Thibideau, Daniel Cizek. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

In addition to taking written tests in math, science, social studies, literature, art, and music, the students must give a prepared and an extemporaneous speech; write an essay on an assigned topic; and submit to a four- to seven-minute long interview.

"It's a lot of work, but it's really worthwhile for the students. There's a tremendous amount of information for the kids to assimilate and it's hard to compete against some schools that have Decathlon as a course with students meeting with their advisors all year," O'Brien said.

"...A Good Experience"

Jon agreed, "It's a good experience and a good way to pick up a lot of information you can use in other areas of your life. All of the tests intertwined the information, but there was no way we could possibly learn it all. We've gotten a base of knowledge on a lot of topics and that makes us more well-rounded."

Geoff said the students had 30 minutes to answer 50 multiple choice questions in each subject area. "The tests were impossible. We had to know everything on the topic and the subjects were all related. There were English questions on the social studies test and physics questions on the math test," Geoff said.

Both students said they had a good time, but the afternoon session was more enjoyable. "We could relax a bit after the stress of the morning tests and after we had a lunch break," Jon said.

O'Brien said several teachers joined the after-school prep sessions to help the students with their areas of expertise. Among the unofficial advisors were Lynn Litchfield, social studies; Bob Janik, science; Art Gage, physics; and Bob Lester, economics.

With a fourth-place win in the overall competition, Agawam's team did not qualify for the state finals in March. The top two schools in each regional Academic Decathlon advanced to the state finals where the winner will go to the national competition in Newport, Rhode Island, in the spring.

Financial Aid Info & Resources Available At Rep. Keenan's Office

Financial aid information for college-bound students and their families is available at State Rep. Dan Keenan's district office. Resources and information that may be obtained include a Financial Aid Packet from the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA), the 1997-1998 Admissions and Financial Aid at Independent Colleges in Massachusetts Handbook, and the New England Regional Student Program guide.

Please contact Rep. Keenan's district office, 786-4545, to obtain copies of the financial aid resources. Anyone with questions regarding the financial aid process may call MEFA at (617) 261-9760.

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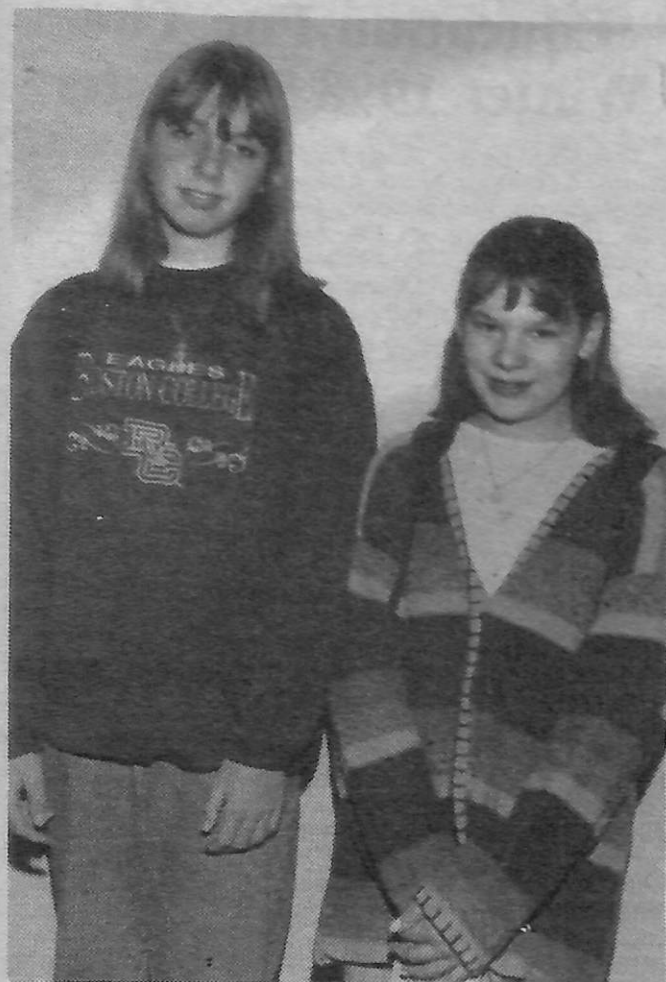
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Top Art Students



ART "STUDENTS OF THE MONTH" at the Agawam Junior High School for November were Kathleen Barker (left) and Jocelynn Kraus. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Eric Mastroianni Elected Treasurer Of Bucknell Honor Society

Eric Mastroianni, 42 Edgewood Lane, Agawam, has been elected treasurer of Chi Epsilon civil engineering honor society at Bucknell University.

A senior majoring in civil engineering, Mastroianni is the son of Barbara & Albert Mastroianni, Agawam. He is a graduate of Agawam High School.

Mastroianni is a dean's list student and a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Bucknell University is a highly selective liberal arts institution that also offers professional programs in engineering, management, and education.

Guidance Services In Schools To Be Overhauled In 1998

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

School administrators presented the results of a 10-month study to overhaul school counseling services to meet the needs of all students and their parents at Tuesday night's School Committee meeting.

School Superintendent Frank Ameruso said he was pleased to present the study, along with some generic recommendations on improving pupil personnel services, two months prior to the expected completion date.

Ameruso said counseling services for all students would be restructured with school-based teams at the elementary schools and at the Middle School, Junior High, and at Agawam High School. A Special Education program will be implemented at the High School as well.

"Right now we have our (DLC) children being farmed out to out of district placements when they get to the ninth grade," Ameruso said. "We're going to keep them home."

Also, Ameruso said it was vital to the success of the guidance overhaul to assess the needs of the parents and provide educational workshops for parents in cooperation with PTO's and school councils.

"The children come to school with needs that are often tied into parental needs," Ameruso said.

Promising specific recommendations to overhaul School Department counseling services at the School Committee's January 27th meeting, Ameruso asked committee members to spend a month reviewing the report in preparation for a workshop discussion to answer any questions they might have.

"I hope you will adopt our recommendations so that we can go forward and build it into our budget," Ameruso told the committee. "I would be prepared to give specific recommendations with the corresponding budgetary considerations prior to the workshop."

The workshop will be held immediately prior to the School Committee's January 27th meeting at 6:45 p.m.; the regular School Committee meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the Middle School auditorium and both will be televised on cable access channel 15, according

to School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson.

Study Was Launched Last February...

The study, conducted by school administrators and pupil personnel staff members, was launched last February after Ameruso determined the need to assess all counseling services being provided for students from pre-school through high school.

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Mary Czajkowski said the study truly reflected the needs of the students because it was based on the work of four sub-committees made up of the school counselors currently providing guidance, psychological, adjustment, and drug prevention services for both regular and Special Education students.

According to Ms. Czajkowski, when most school systems decide to overhaul services, an outside consultant is hired to produce a quick fix and collect a big check. "That didn't happen here," Ms. Czajkowski said. "The information we are presenting was compiled by pupil personnel staff who have a vested interest in Agawam students."

In assessing the needs for regular and Special Ed students, the first subcommittee found the major issues being addressed by counselors included academics, social/peer relations, assessment issues, and behavioral issues.

The second subcommittee took on the task of updating the job descriptions for guidance counselors, school adjustment counselors, and school psychologists (which have not been revised in the past 20 years). Revised job descriptions were written to include the new certification requirements for the State Department of Education for school counselors.

The third subcommittee was assigned the responsibility of establishing school-based counseling teams, assessing consultant services, and assessing the professional development needed by the school counselors.

The fourth subcommittee was charged with restructuring counseling services and positions to meet the needs identified by the other committees.

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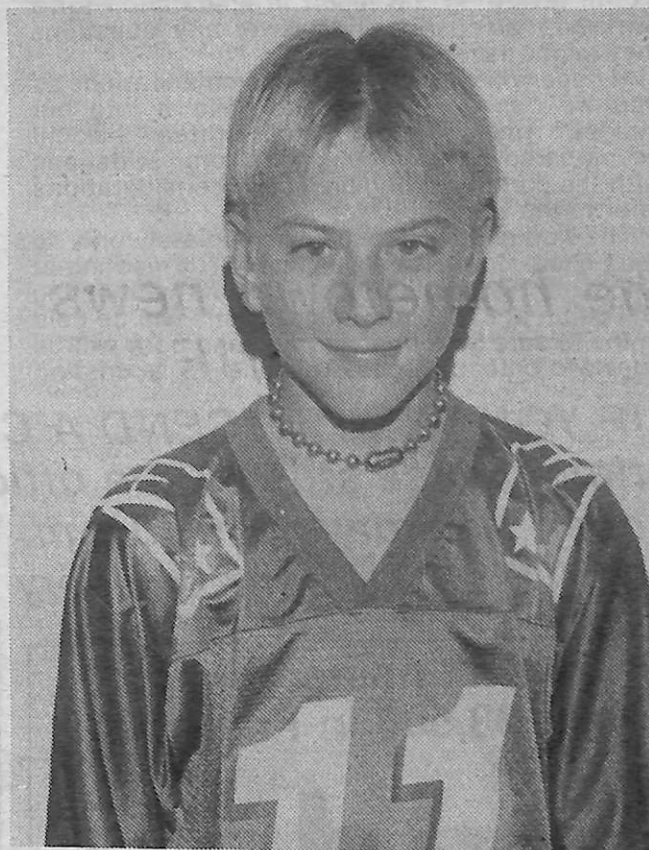
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STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES of Perry Lane Nursery School at Perry Lane Park gathered for Thanksgiving Dessert on Wednesday, November 26th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Physical Education "Students of the Month" At Agawam Junior High School



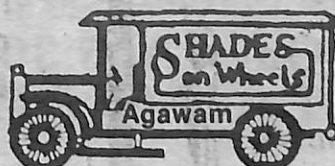
PHYSICAL EDUCATION "Students of the Month" for November at the Agawam Junior High School were Alyson Nowell and John Slachetka. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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There will be an "Early-Bird" registration for the Winter Semester of the Agawam Adult Education Program on Wednesday, December 17th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School Guidance Office. The regular registration will be held on Monday and Wednesday evening, January 5th and 7th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the AHS Guidance Office.

Registration will also be held during the first week of classes on Monday, January 12th, and Wednesday, January 14th, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the AHS Guidance Office.

Winter classes will begin on Monday, January 12th, and run for 10 weeks. Classes will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The class schedule goes as follows:

Mondays — January 12th, 26th; February 2nd, 9th, 23rd; March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.

Tuesdays — January 13th, 20th, 27th; February 3rd, 10th, 24th; March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th.

Wednesdays — January 14th, 21st, 28th; February 4th, 11th, 25th; March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.

There will be no classes on Monday, January 19th (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) and Monday, February 16th, Tuesday, February 17th, and Wednesday, February 18th (mid-winter vacation).

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL CLOSING: If Agawam schools are closed because of inclement weather, evening school is also canceled. Local radio stations will also announce any cancellations. Make-up days for inclement weather will be scheduled during the term.

The tuition charge is \$70 per course and is payable at the time of registration. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting.

Tuition will be refunded if there is an insufficient number of students registered for a course(s). The administration reserves the right to cancel course(s) for lack of registration.

Those persons interested in working toward a high school diploma should bring with them a transcript of any course work completed since ninth grade.

The following is a list of courses and the nights they are being offered this semester:

MONDAY CLASSES: English 11, English 12, General Science, World History, Algebra II, Geometry, EXCEL, Algebra I.

TUESDAY CLASS: Microsoft WORD II.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES: English 9, English 10, U.S. History, Chemistry, General Math, Computer Concepts, Microsoft WORD I, Oil Painting.

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Agawam Junior High School NEWS & NOTES

The Agawam Junior High School PTO held its third meeting of the year on Monday, November 17th. The first part of the meeting consisted of review of past minutes, treasurer's report, correspondence, and a school council update. The remainder of the meeting involved dividing up those present into one of the three planning groups, e.g., the Eighth Grade Celebration, the By-Laws Committee, and the Nominations Committee. Each of the committees met individually working on their respective charges.

Eighth Grade Celebration - The overall goal of this committee is to provide leadership in planning, organizing, and monitoring the end-of-the-year eighth grade celebration. This committee will be ongoing and report back to the PTO at its regular monthly meeting.

Two tentative dates have been identified, including either **Friday, June 5th** or **Friday, June 12th**. Noted is that the HS graduation date is scheduled for Sunday, June 14th. Several celebration regulations were identified:

1. Celebration tickets must be purchased from PTO members during school lunches. No tickets will be sold at the door. Only Agawam Junior High eighth graders may attend the event.

2. Dress Code - DRESS YOUR BEST. No shorts, T-shirts, ripped jeans, etc. [Formal gowns and tuxedos are discouraged].

3. Once students arrive at the celebration, s/he must remain in the cafeteria area. Students will not be allowed to leave. If students leave, they will not be allowed to return.

4. Celebration hours are from 7:30-10:00 p.m. Only students will be allowed to enter and exit the building through the main entrance. Students need to arrange for transportation pick-up no later than 10:00 p.m.

5. Students are expected to conduct themselves appropriately. Any violation of the rules listed in the *Student Handbook* will result in notification of parents, suspension, expulsion, or other disciplinary measures. Adult chaperones, e.g., parents, teachers, and administrators, will be present to aid students with any problem as well as enforce the rules. A police officer will also be present to enforce the rules.

Future meetings of this committee will focus on electing co-chairs, establishing a budget, and seeking student input for a theme and other ideas.

By-Laws Committee - According to the Jr. High School PTO By-Laws, the By-Laws must be reviewed every three years with the last time the document was reviewed being in December of 1994. After a discussion of the current By-Laws, members recommended several changes be considered. More specifically, the following parts in italics were recommended to be presented at the next PTO meeting:

1. **Under Article II - Objectives**, the fourth objective be modified to read: *To benefit and enhance the school curriculum, e.g., what students are learning.*

2. **Under Article IV - Officers and Their Responsibilities**, section 6 related to auditing, the following subheading be added: *An auditing committee shall consist of at least one officer and two PTO members. The examination of the treasurer's accounts must be completed no later than August prior to the books being turned over to the incoming treasurer.*

3. **Under Article V - Committees**, section 2 committees read as follows: *Fundraising, Teacher Appreciation Day, 8th Grade Celebration, and Nominating Committees.*

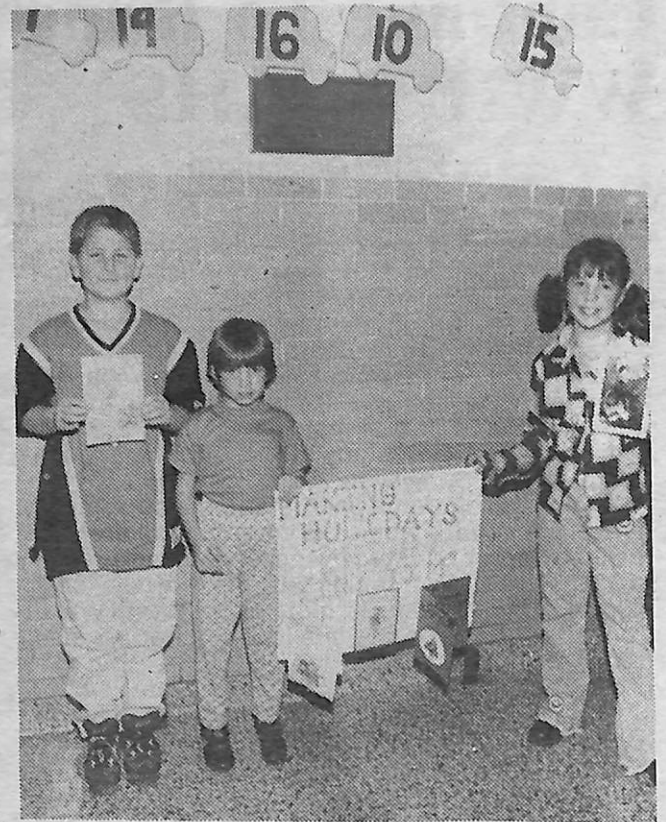
4. **Under Article V - Committees**, section 2, the following subsection be added: *In addition, other committees and/or subcommittees shall be established as needed, e.g., Publicity and Newsletter.*

Nominations Committee - According to Article VII of the Jr. High School By-Laws, specific timelines have been established for the election of officers for the upcoming year. It is estimated that there will be a number of vacancies on both the PTO and School Council for the 1998-99 school year, including PTO President, Second Vice-President, and Treasurer.

At the School Council, three parent representatives will be vacant. Several strategies were discussed including ways to recruit incoming parents from the Middle School as well as recruiting interested parents at Junior High spring activities. Election of the PTO officers is scheduled for the PTO's April 27th meeting with council seats being filled at the PTO's first meeting held in September.

The next regularly scheduled PTO meeting will be held on **Monday, December 15th**. PTO meetings take place in the **Junior High cafeteria** and begin at 7:30 p.m. All interested parents are invited to attend.

"Tiny Tim" At Phelps



PHELPS SCHOOL CHILDREN (during the week of November 24th-26th) created cards for "Tiny Tim" at Shriners Children's Hospital. The beautiful cards will surely help bring a smile to the children's faces this holiday season. Students in photo are Dirk Gendron, Alyssa Stykiewicz, and Paige Mallory.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Students On Dean's List At St. Mary's High

St. Mary's High School in Westfield is pleased to announce the names of those students from the Agawam and Feeding Hills area who made Honors for the first marking period. They are:

SENIORS: Heidi Rydell, First Honors; Heidi Semanie, Second Honors.

FRESHMEN: Anne-Marie Audette, First Honors.

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Senior Citizens Continue To Bring WWII To AHS

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Officially, the week-long celebration of Intergenerational Week is over at Agawam High School. But, echoes from the World War II era songs and the stories told by the town's vintage citizens continue to resonate at the school.

Along with books, magazines, and newspapers from the 1940's, senior citizens are proving to be a valuable source of oral history for Dawn Fisher's 10th graders in their study of the wartime coming of age novel, "A Separate Peace."

"I think the students understand the book much better, especially when the narrator talks about the aura of fear hanging over everyone, as a result of talking with the senior citizens," Mrs. Fisher said. "I know I've learned more about World War II from their classroom visits than I ever learned from a teacher or a textbook."

Last week, Mrs. Fisher invited several senior citizens to join her three sophomore classes in workshops to help the students research topics covering all aspects of wartime experiences at the front and at home.

Working from a loosely written script by student Carianne Bussolari, the fourth period class is planning to put together a play beginning with the announcement of the attack on Pearl Harbor and ending with a townwide victory celebration when the soldiers return home.

"At the end of the play, we'll have a welcome home town ceremony where the soldiers will be awarded medals," Carianne said. "We'll tie in all the different stories for the topics the class has picked out."

Fads & Fashions Of Days Gone By

Discussing fads and fashions with one group of students, resident Pauline Paquette told of hangout spots and the big band music that appealed both to the teenagers and to their parents.

"The kids are showing a great interest and they're asking excellent questions," Miss Paquette said. "The Intergenerational Week was fantastic and should be carried on in all the schools. It could be used every year."

With big band music playing in the background, the students split up in groups to work on topics ranging from submarines, war medals, and aviation to music, women, and movies.

Retired AHS band director Darcy Davis said he was returning to the classroom to help answer the questions they didn't have time for during his first classroom visit.

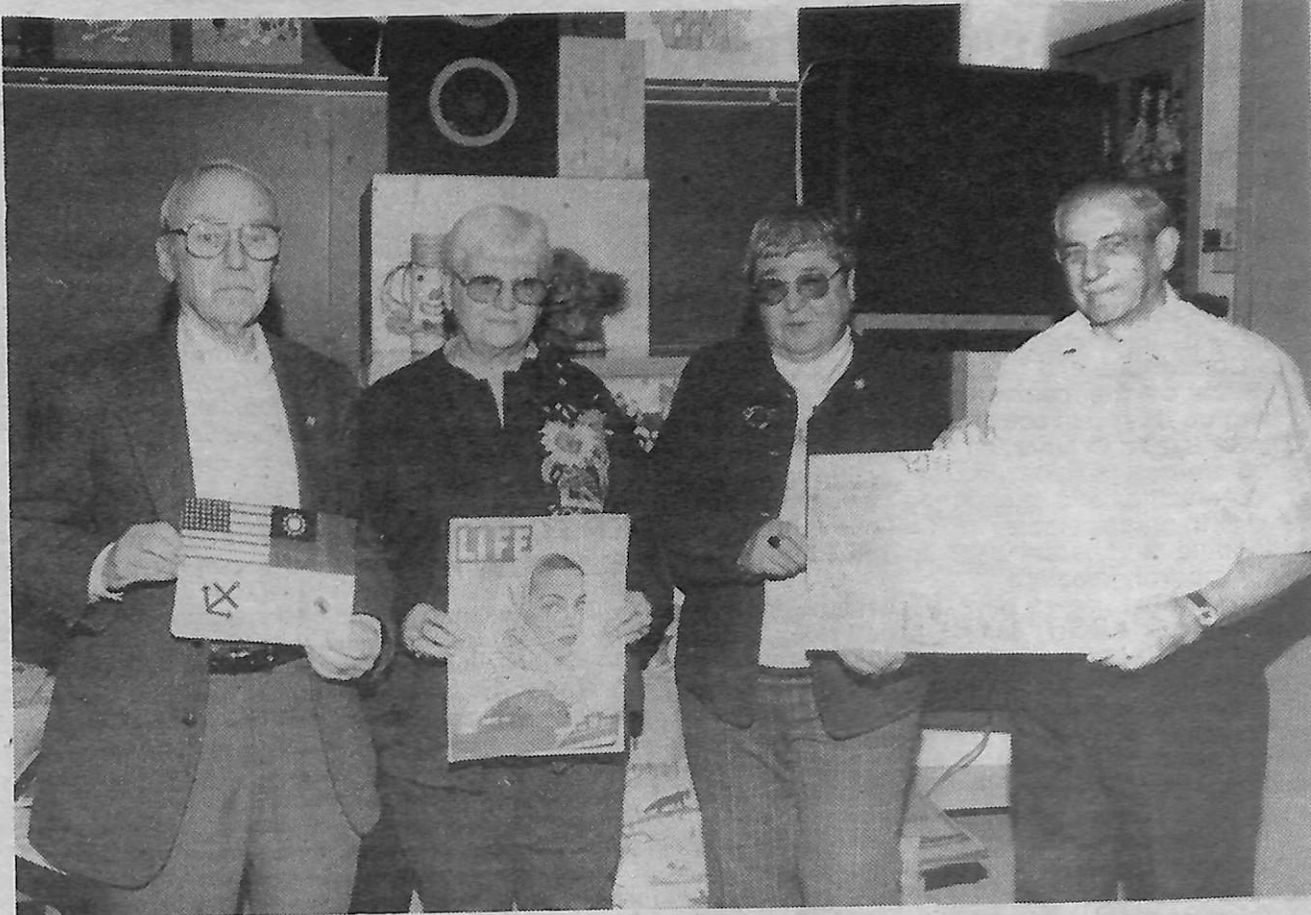
"The students are getting much of their information from the vintage citizens because we want to keep the intergenerational learning going. That's what Mrs. (Bernadette) Conte has been striving for," Mrs. Fisher said.

AHS Dean of Students Bernadette Conte said the idea behind the classroom visits was for students to learn about the war by making history come alive through the stories told by the people who lived through the war years and to open up a relationship between the students and the senior citizens.

According to Miss Paquette, the idea worked.

"...Fantastic Kids"

"I'm seeing several of the youngsters outside the classroom. It's so interesting for them to find out from real, live people what it was like during the war," Miss Paquette said. "Many of the seniors are realizing these kids are fantastic and, sometimes, the view they have of teens is not so



AGAWAM SENIOR CITIZENS, from left - George Schmidt, Jane Schmidt, Paulene Paquette, and Darcy Davis recently spoke to classes at Agawam High School about their experiences during the World War II era. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

good."

In addition to the oral histories of the seniors, the students are using local newspapers, town records, old yearbooks, and old editions of their high school newspaper to focus their attention on what was going on in Agawam during the war.

Mrs. Fisher said the idea to concentrate on

Agawam history came from Larry O'Brien, whose journalism students are working on a WWII newspaper.

"He suggested we pin them down to learn some history from their own hometown and we've tried to keep that Agawam focus," Mrs. Fisher said.

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BROWNIES IN THIRD GRADE at Phelps School (Troop 580) decorated and donated a food basket at Thanksgiving as a service project to the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. A delegation from the troop brought it to the Open Pantry and received a tour of the facility. Brownies on the front porch of the Open Pantry, from left - Ashley Juliano, Ashley-Anne Wolos, Ashley Brinkman, Meaghan Serra, and Ashley O'Keefe. Troop leaders are Holly Brinkman and Pat Lyons Wolos.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, December 15th: Veal parmesan sandwich, seasoned green beans, oven French fries, chilled diced pears in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, December 16th: Cup of orange juice, hamburg in roll, steamed parsley rice, seasoned carrots, chocolate brownie, milk.

Wednesday, December 17th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, seasoned carrots and peas, bread and butter, honey and mayonnaise, rosy applesauce, milk.

Thursday, December 18th: Meatballs in tomato sauce, buttered macaroni with broccoli cuts, Italian bread and butter, sweet potato spice cake with icing or chilled pineapple tidbits, milk.

Friday, December 19th: Oven-baked sea nuggets with tartar sauce or catsup, oven potato puffs, niblet corn, half peanut butter sandwich, ice cream cup, milk.



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Brownie Troop 541 News

The first try-it for Robinson Park School's Brownie Troop 541 was "Senses." A big part of our activities centered around American Sign Language.

The girls learned how to fingerspell their names and sign the Girl Scout Promise. They were able

to showcase their talents at a meeting attended by Jim Harris, who is deaf and also teaches American Sign Language at Holyoke Community College.

Mr. Harris was impressed with the girls' abilities and their eagerness to learn new signs. The hour was spent learning signs associated with Christmas, colors, and household items. This was a great experience for our troop, especially learning how a hearing impaired person communicates with others, and it was great to see how the girls interacted with someone "different" from themselves.

Another project we are working on is an interaction with members of the Agawam Senior Center. On December 13th, we will be holding our meeting at the Senior Center. We will be making Christmas cookies with some of the seniors, and then possibly caroling in the neighborhood.

We are going to be making this partnership a year-round activity, and will be planning additional get-togethers at the Center.

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LINDSEY HADDEN

Lindsey Hadden Named Again As All-Western Mass. Gymnast

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For the second straight year, Agawam High gymnast Lindsey Hadden has made the All-Western Mass. gymnastics team. This time around she admitted it did come as a bit of a surprise. "Yeah," she said. "I wasn't healthy all year long because of my knee. So I didn't get to compete very much." Still, she helped AHS to its first ever Western Mass. gymnastics title last month.

Lindsey injured her right knee in the first meet of the season. And it was never right from that point on. Needless to say, she's a competitor and it was a frustrating ordeal. "I was upset. But I was always hopeful it would get better as the year went along. When it didn't, I got mad."

Finally, Lindsey accepted the fact that her season would be a limited one, consisting mostly of the bars and an occasional stint aboard the balance beam.

At times, she tried to come back all the way and perform in all the events (beam, bars, vault, and floor). "It always hurt. I thought I could work my way through it. But the more I tried, the worse it would get."

She was especially hobbled on what had been her best event, the vault. The knee would get further aggravated on the floor exercise.

This week, she got an MRI. The results should be known shortly. The worst case scenario, according to Lindsey, would be a torn meniscus, which is a wedge of cartilage between the joints of the knee bones. It might just be a muscle problem. A blown meniscus means surgery. A muscle problem will involve rest.

Whatever happens, there will be a lot of rehab

time involved to get her back into competitive trim. She'll do it at Tim Daggett's Gold Medal Gym in Agawam, where she has worked out for several years. She also competes on one of Daggett's traveling teams, along with her Brownie teammate Leila Sekkal, who as a freshman, also grabbed a spot on the All-Western Mass. squad.

A Left-Handed Blessing

The injury, while unwanted and unwelcomed, might have been a minor left-handed blessing for Lindsey. Because of it, she had to concentrate on the bars, an event that is considered the toughest in women's gymnastics due to the strength factor. "That's about all I did during practice, the bars, the bars, and more bars, because it didn't require any pressure on my knee," she smile.

That extra work paid off. If you've ever seen her, you'll understand why. Besides being an attractive young lady, she is also powerfully built, with broad shoulders and strong arms (all of which are needed in such a demanding event.) She was never beaten on the bars during the regular and post-season this year.

She says she still needs work on the beam. That's something she'll address at Daggett's when she is able to do it. Right now, she says she'll continue to work on the strength aspect of her game until she gets full clearance to go full speed ahead.

When asked what sets her apart from the competition, she tendered this answer. "I have a lot of confidence in myself and my abilities. I believe I can get the job done."

Freshman Leila Sekkal On All-Western Mass. Gym Team

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High School's Leila Sekkal topped off her freshman year by being named to the All-Western Mass. gymnastics squad. Leila, a soft-spoken girl who lets her gymnastic performances speak for her, admitted that she felt great about the award and added, "I kind of expected I'd be named to the team."

She helped lead the Brownies to titles in the MIAA West Sectional and PVIAC's. She was also instrumental in the school's first-ever Western Mass. gymnastics title.

Leila feels she was named to the All-Western Mass. team because of the fact that she was the top all-arounder in every meet during the season. Out of the four disciplines in women's gymnastics, Leila feels the beam is her strongest. "I practice it a lot. And I also feel it's a natural event for me," she noted. "But, I still think I have to work on it."

She would like to add more flips to her beam routine. "I do a back handspring on the beam but that's all right now," she admitted. The beam is the most dangerous of the four events but Leila isn't concerned about it. "I'm not really that con-

cerned. My balance is good and I have confidence in myself that I'm not going to fall off," she said.

Floor Performances The Most Exciting

Perhaps her most exciting performances come in the floor exercise, where she works to the heavy beat of "Tribal Dance." All year she tried for a score of nine, but fell short, sometimes by only a 10th of a point. She and AHS gymnastics Coach Angela Sullivan will continue to work on her routine. "I have to practice harder tumbling passes which will make the judges take notice. Then I'll get my nine," she said.

Right now, Leila is working out at The Tim Daggett's Gold Medal Gym, which also has a team. "We don't compete in as many matches as we do in high school, but the competition is tougher," she noted. Their first match is coming up in a couple of weeks.

What makes her good enough as a freshman to be named All-Western Mass.? She put it this way. "I practice all the time and I have a lot of experience." The 15-year-old has participated in gymnastics since age seven.



LEILA SEKKAL

Daggett Gymnasts To Compete At John Hancock Meet At Springfield College

John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company will sponsor the second John Hancock Holiday Invitational Gymnastic Meet at Springfield College's Blake Arena, Saturday, Dec. 13th and Sunday, Dec. 14th.

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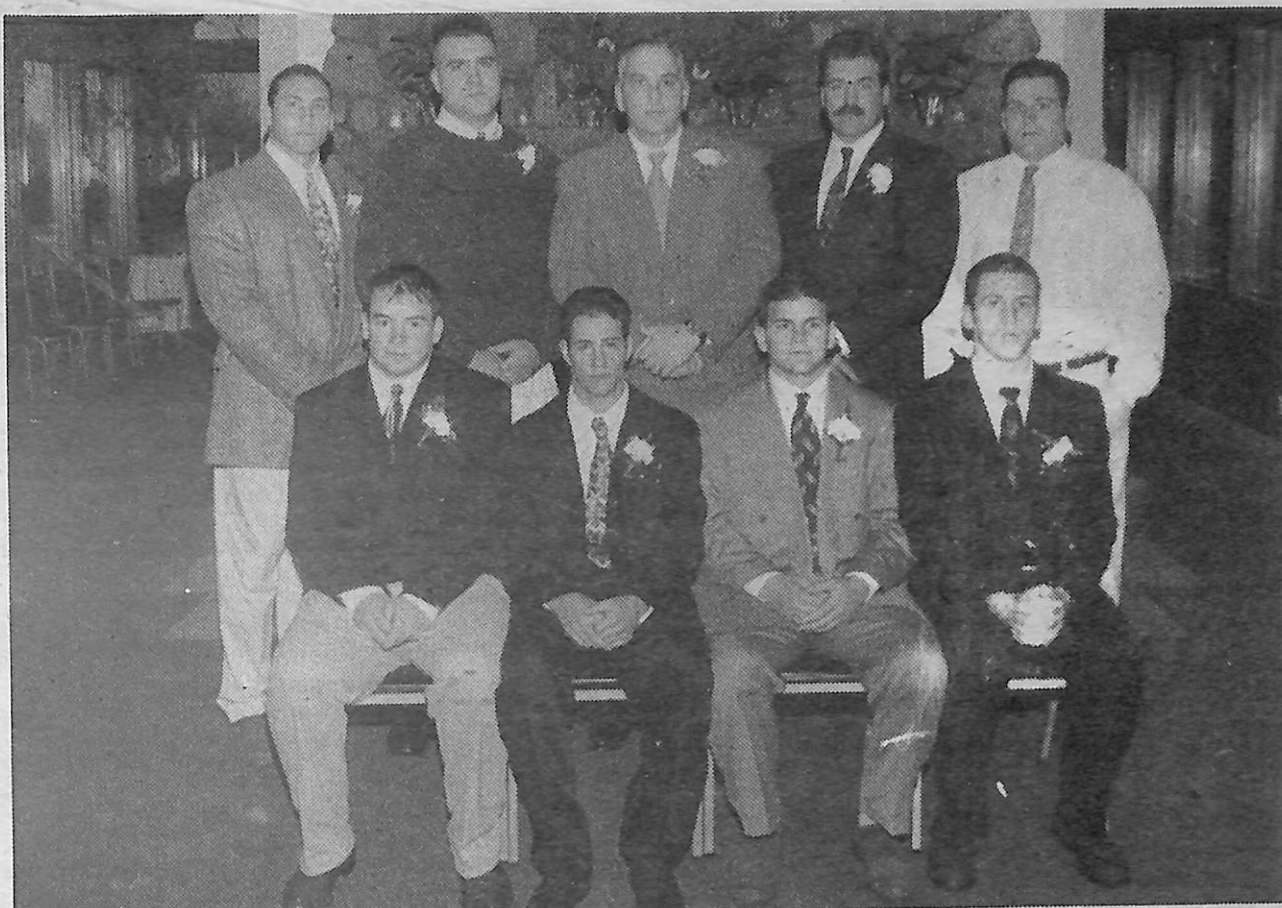
The meet will feature six levels of competition, starting with level eight teams on Saturday at 10:00 a.m., followed by level seven teams at 2:15 p.m., and level nine and 10 teams at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, level six teams will compete at 10:00 a.m. and level five teams at 2:30 p.m. The general public is welcome and admission each day is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Children under five will be admitted free.

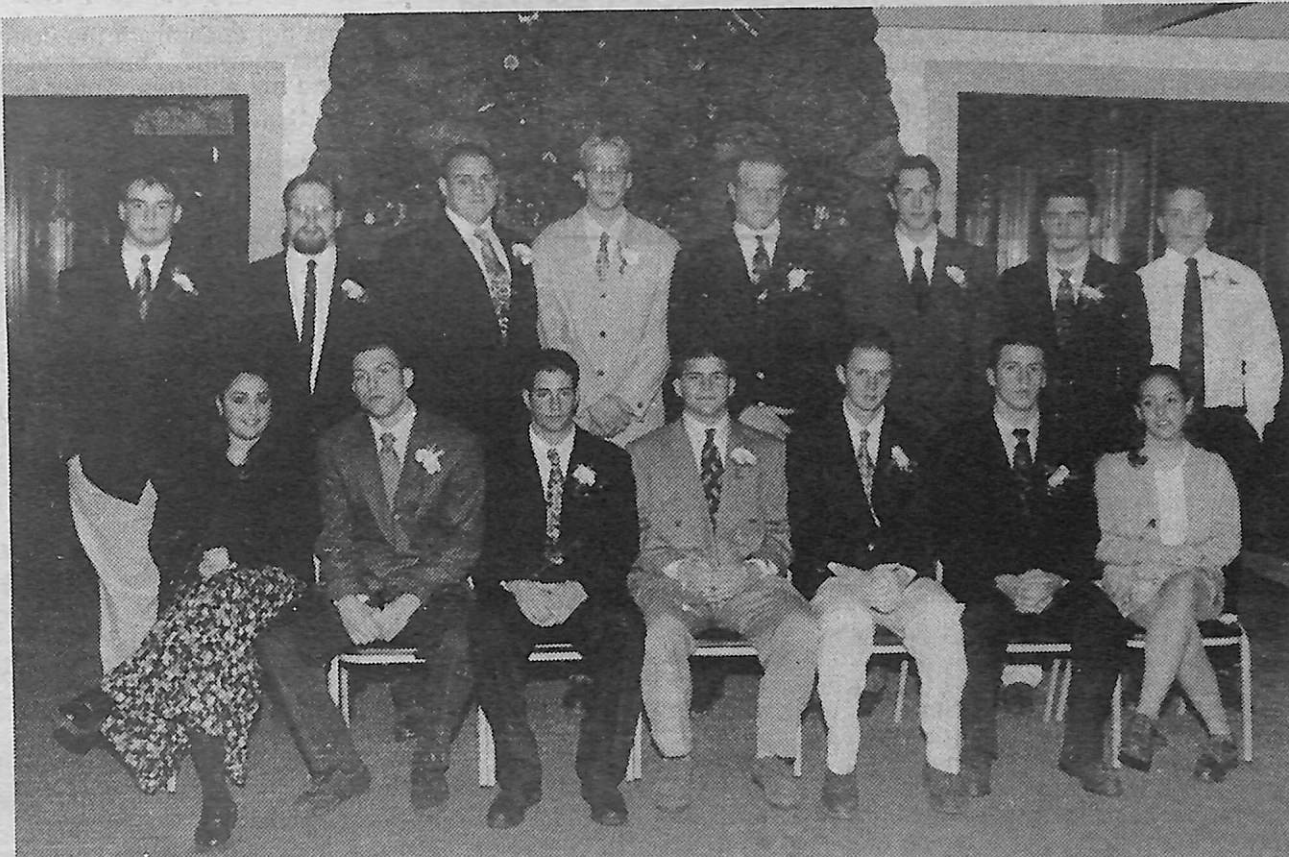
A two-day admission is available at \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information, you may call Thompson Gymnastics at 532-0374.

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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL'S football team held its annual season-ending banquet on Sunday, November 29th at Oak Ridge Golf Club. **IN TOP PHOTO**, 1997 captains and coaches are pictured. Back row, from left - Dan Pryce (assistant), Bill Moore (assistant), Dean Vecchiarelli (head coach), Curt Boyle (assistant), and Anthony Moretti (assistant). Front row - senior captains Ryan Wilson, Mike Wing, Vinnie Curto, and Andrew St. Jean. **PHOTO BELOW**, senior class team members. Back row - Ryan Wilson, George Graves, Mike Aloisi, Simon Tyberg, Darrell Malachowski, Eric Melbourne, Ian Lane, and Chris Gaffney. Front row - Julie Pisano (team manager), Norm Gagne, Michael Wing, Vinnie Curto, Tony Planzo, Andrew St. Jean, and Ali Sherban (team manager). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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AHS Football Ends Season At Annual Banquet

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

What better way to wrap up a win over West Side on Turkey Day than with a feast? That is exactly what the Agawam High football team did on Sunday, November 30th.

They held their annual season-ending banquet where players were honored for the 1997 campaign which ended at 3-6-1.

The most valuable senior award went to wide receiver and defensive back **Mike Wing**. The 5'8", 155-pounder had a good year. He caught 20 passes for 478 yards (23.5 ypr) and three TD's. Two of those scores were catch and run jobs. Both were exciting. He had a 53-yard scoring catch in the season opening 19-6 loss to Northampton.

He topped that against Minnechaug when he sprinted 57 yards in his two TD performance in the 35-20 win over the Falcons. Another productive game came in the 28-14 loss to Westfield. He caught six balls for 128 yards, including one for 44 yards.

Effective And Exciting

On defense, he was also effective and exciting to watch. His 97-yard touchdown return of an interception against West Springfield highlighted his work on defense. He also had a fumble recovery during the season.

Wing also won the "Clement Hobbs Award" as the top senior back. His runs were on end around plays. He had four carries for 86 yards. His longest effort was 35 yards against South Hadley. He also had a 23-yarder in the Holyoke game.

The "Coaches' Award" went to fullback **Vinnie Curto**. As usual, blocking backs don't get the glory. That is reserved for the more glamorous positions, like tailback, quarterback, wide receiver, or linebacker. But Curto, one of the four captains on the team, earned the honor by hard work and sacrifice.

The 5'7", 175-pound senior had a habit of putting the people he blocked into an uncontrollable head-over-heels spin. When Curto got the ball, he made the most of the opportunity. He gained 196 yards on 44 carries (4.4 ypc) and scored two rushing TD's. He also scored on a two-yard catch against Minnechaug. His big game came against the Falcons.

In that one, he scored on a nine-yard run, plus the pass. He gained 32 yards on seven carries. He went 6 - 54 yards in the 33-8 win over Holyoke. That game also saw his longest run from scrimmage - 22 yards.

The "Roger LeClerc Award" for the outstanding senior lineman went to **Ryan Wilson**. The offen-

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Outdoor Writer

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The tally stands at 1,679 deer harvested in the archery season. McDonald expects the number to increase by 50-100 deer after all of the official reports are filed.

GOOD NEWS FOR ANGLERS

The Division will be stocking about 1,100 Atlantic Salmon weighing between five and seven pounds. The surplus broodstock will be stocked in Bay State waters between December 3rd and December 22nd.

The fish are from the White River National Fish Hatchery in Vermont, and served as broodstock during the fall.

BEAR HARVEST BELOW DESIRED LEVELS

Massachusetts bear hunters only harvested four bears during the six-day season that ran from November 17th to November 22nd. This brings the final tally to 78 for the year. The September season accounted for the other 74 bruins.

The black bear population is estimated at about 1,500 animals statewide, and is growing rapidly. This is a serious problem, as man and bears do not coexist real well in urban environments.

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Speaking of licenses, they make great Christmas gifts.

Have a great and safe week in our great outdoors.

Basketball Clinic To Be Conducted By AHS Girls' Brownies

On Saturday, December 13th, the Agawam High School girls' basketball Brownies will be conducting a basketball clinic in the AHS gymnasium from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Players in grades three through eight are encouraged to attend the clinic in order to have fun while learning basketball skills from the girls' varsity team.

The donation for the clinic is \$10 per participant, and the proceeds will be used towards the girls' Booster Club.

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sive guard and defensive tackle (at 5'10", 207 pounds) wasn't the biggest lineman around, but he got the job done with hustle and determination.

From his guard spot, he opened holes for the running backs and led the blocking on sweeps. On defense he played a solid tackle. He had a sack (vs. Minnechaug) and was always there on the pass rush.

The "Richard Anderson Award" for the most improved junior went to **Bob Fuller**. At 5'9" and 185 pounds, he is the archetypical high school linebacker, not necessarily fast, but quick and tough enough to fill the holes. He had two sacks and a fumble recovery during the season. He also figured in on kickoff returns. When the ball was short, he would pick it up. He had four kickoff carries for 32 yards. His longest was 12 yards against Westfield.

The "Ricky Morin Award" is given to the most outstanding sophomore. It went to **Eric Pedersen** and was well deserved. The 5'11", 180-pound center and defensive end showed well on both sides of the ball. He could fill in at the guard positions when called upon. His blocking was part of the reason quarterback Brian St. Jean was sacked only five times during the season. On defense he was a premiere pass rusher, recording 2½ sacks. He also managed to score on a safety in the Minnechaug game.

BROWNIE SEASON STATS: Rushing: Brian Gallagher - 211 carries, 929 yards (4.4 ypc). Gallagher's big game was against Holyoke where he rushed for 256 yards and four TD's on 33 carries. His longest run from scrimmage, 45 yards, also came in that game. Gallagher had 12 TD's. His longest run for a score was 13 yards vs Holyoke.

Brian St. Jean also had a chance to run. He gained 162 yards on 20 carries (8.1 ypc). His big rushing game was against West Side, 7 - 106.

In the passing department, it was all Brian St. Jean. The sophomore, who came of age in the West Springfield game, attempted 183 passes. He completed 69 (37 percent) for 1,102 yards and five TD's. He threw 13 interceptions. His long pass for a score was 57 yards to Wing in the Minnechaug game. His long pass without a score was 64 yards (to Eric Melbourne) in the 47-0 loss to Central.

Tailback Brian Gallagher went 1 - 1 for 25 yards and a score (to Wing) in his lone pass of the season.

Eric Melbourne, despite sitting out four games,

finished with 331 yards on 20 catches (16.5 ypr). His lone TD came against West Side (the 50-yarder). His long reception was 64 yards against Central. He caught the two-point conversion against Comp, which gave Agawam the 16-16 tie.

Tight end Marc Pedraza had 12 catches for 121 yards (10.0) and two TD's. His longest reception was 20 yards for a score against the South Hadley Tigers. He also had a two-point conversion on a pass against the Tigers.

Brian Gallagher had seven catches for 60 yards (8.5 ypr). His longest was 25 yards against Central.

Sophomore Jason Daigneau chipped in with 155 yards on nine receptions (12.7 ypr). His longest was 16 yards against Westfield.

On the special teams front, it looked like this: Brian St. Jean averaged 30.1 yards per punt. His longest were 45 yards against Northampton and Holyoke.

Kicker Tony Planzo averaged 48.2 yards per kickoff. He had 55 yards on numerous occasions.

Brian St. Jean averaged eight yards on punt returns. Fifteen yards was his season best (against Holyoke). Returner Mike Wing averaged 13.5 per punt. His longest was 19 yards vs Holyoke. Andy St. Jean averaged five yards per return.

Mike Wing led the kickoff returners with eight attempts for 118 yards (11.8). He had long runs of 23 yards against Northampton and Chicopee. Eric Melbourne had five for 71 yards (14.2). Twenty-eight yards was his best against Central. Ian Lane had two for 45 yards (22.5). His longest was 27 yards against South Hadley. Jason Daigneau had 41 yards on five tries (8.2). He had a season best 11 on a try against Central.

Tony Planzo went 9 - 12 on extra points. He attempted no field goals this season. The Brownies were 7 - 12 in two-point conversions.

Defensively, the Brownies had 10 sacks on the season. Eric Pedersen had 2½. Darrell Malachowski had two. Fuller had two. After that, Gallagher, Pedraza, and White had one apiece. Jason Daigneau had a half sack.

Interceptions: Brian St. Jean chipped in with three. Mike O'Connor had two, including one for 88 yards and a score against Minnechaug. Gallagher and Edwin Torres had one each. Mike Wing had the 97-yarder for a score in the West Side game.

Brian St. Jean, O'Connor, Pedraza, Daigneau, Wing, Melbourne, and Tony Planzo all had one fumble recovery.

Eric Pedersen had the lone safety.

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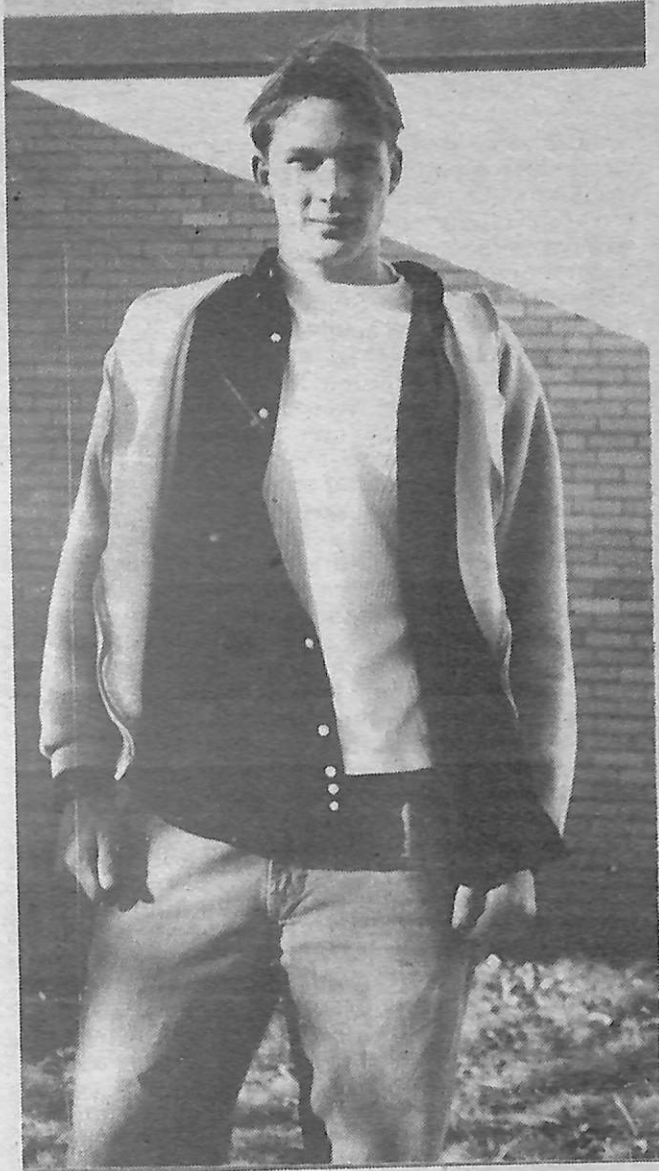


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Ready For "A Division" Competition...

Ryan Progulske Is Prepared For The 1998 Winter Ski Season

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor



SENIOR RYAN PROGULSKE, who is one of three captains on this year's ski team from Agawam High School. Last year, Ryan was named to the All-Western Mass squad.

Ryan Progulske is one of three captains on this year's Agawam ski team. As a sophomore, he helped lead the Brownies to a B Division title. Last year, after a move to the even tougher A Division, they managed a third-place finish there and Ryan was named to the All-Western Mass squad.

This season the senior hopes to continue his success on the slopes. Recently, Ryan took time out to talk about himself and his time at AHS.

Ryan is 17 years-old. He'll turn 18 on February 18th. He's six-feet tall and tips the scales at 178 pounds. His freshman through senior years have all been spent at Agawam High School.

His curriculum this year includes Advanced Placement biology, physics, Advanced Placement math, and American Literature. His favorite courses are A.P. biology and physics. He's looking towards a career in physical therapy. His top teacher is Arthur Gage (physics).

Ryan has applied to four colleges so far: Springfield, AIC, Quinnipiac (Hamden, Connecticut), and Sacred Heart (Bridgeport, Connecticut).

Besides being a skier, Ryan also played golf for the Brownies in the fall. But hitting the slopes is his first love. "I've been skiing since I was six years-old," he smiled.

His most memorable moment in sports has to do with the Smuggler's Notch Ski Complex in Vermont. Every year since Ryan has been with the team, varsity Coach Glenn Olson has taken the team up there just before the season starts. They spend five days on the slopes. The team eats well and bunks down for the night at a cozy New England inn.

"We practice about five hours a day for those five days. It's intense but relaxed at the same time. The team gets to know each other and practice on some pretty difficult terrain. I don't think many ski teams around here get to do that," he noted.

A "Challenging" Season On The Slopes...

He sees the upcoming season (their first competition will be January 6th at Berkshire East) as a challenge, especially for the sophomores and juniors. "If they step up and we all pull together as a team by supporting each other, we'll do well," he observed.

The Brownies will certainly have the numbers. This year, over 18 kids showed up for tryouts, giving Olson a lot of talent to choose from.

Ryan's favorite food, believe it or not, is apples. "Really," he laughed. "I'm not kidding. If there was any kind of food in front of me and an apple was included, I'd take the apple first!"

Purple is his favorite color.

A BMW tops his automotive list.

Pro skier Alberto Tomba, a slalom and GS specialist from Italy, is his favorite athlete. The New England football Patriots are his top team.

His favorite summer hangout is a quarry behind Provin Mountain, which is behind his house. "It's high up and you can get a great view of the valley from there," he said. In the winter, he favors ski resorts, if they are the right ones.

His taste in clothes runs on the expensive side. "Anything from Abercrombie and Fitch," he said.

Rock tops his music list. Van Halen is one of his favorite groups.

"Seinfeld" is his choice on the tube. "My Cousin Vinny" is his favorite big screen offering.

Ryan has a few people he looks up to. They include his uncle, Richard Howe. "He's everything a person should be, all wrapped into one," Ryan admitted. He also looks up to his parents, Donald & Linda Progulske.

Ryan has a brother, Cacy, a freshman who is trying out for the AHS ski team.

When his days as a Brownie are done, Ryan wants to be remembered as a guy who was himself at all times and also someone who was a leader.

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Comment On Sports...

No Sympathy Here For Latrell Spreewell

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

I have listened to all the rhetoric now for over a week. I have heard every angle and facet of the story. I've suffered the excuses, the rationales, and opinions of everyone who thinks they know what happened (even though they weren't there, or could give a heck about sports, or are knee jerk reactionaries).

Well, I wasn't there, either. But the situation and circumstances of the story have never been questioned, by anyone as far as I know; not the perp (perpetrator) or the vic (victim), to use the lingo of "Law and Order" or "NYPD Blue."

Nor has the take of the general manager or the owner, or even the media, which will put a spin on everything, if it sells papers or gets you another point in the ratings, changed the scenario one bit.

I am talking about the Latrell Spreewell affair. I'm talking about how people, supposedly educated, informed, and enlightened, can miss a point that should be so obvious. It had nothing to do with 'Spree' getting a suspension, so we could be informed that he would be losing a million dollars over a 10-day period.

We are all fascinated by losing money, especially such a large sum over such a short time. It had nothing to do with 'Spree' getting fired, thus losing \$32 million, an even more fascinating situation.

Nor did it have anything to do with the NBA suspending 'Spree' for a year. Nor did it have ANYTHING to do with race or class ('Spree' made 10 times the money that Coach P.J. Carlesimo made. So he probably lived in a more upscale neighborhood, where Carlesimo would have most likely been the butler, rather than a guest for the holidays).

It's Called The Law!

It has everything to do with what made this country a place where a guy like 'Spree,' while maybe lacking in the social graces, a good background, or good judgment, could become a young, heralded millionaire. It is called the law! Spreewell broke it. He assaulted another human being, physically. That is the situation.

He is off the basketball court. He now belongs in a court of law, up on charges of assault and battery. It matters not the color of his skin or the size of his bank account, or the half-baked notion that somehow, professional athletes are above the law or how many kids think he is a role model. And I pity those kids, or anyone for that matter, who still think he belongs on a pedestal. He belongs in the docket.

Maybe Carlesimo was wrong to yell in an insulting manner at his player. But that's all he did; yell, speaking at a high level of voice, but not touching the object of his ire. Spreewell could have yelled back, maybe question the lineage of Carlesimo's mother, among other things, and walk out of practice, shower, get into his street clothes, and drive away in his Mercedes.

The pathetic Golden State Warriors, loathe to lose a player of such talent, would have done little more in the way of punishment than tell him to calm down. Tomorrow is always another day.

Instead, 'Spree' grabbed P.J. around the neck and threatened to terminate the coach's life. Once the stranglehold was broken, Spreewell went away and came back 10 minutes later to throw a punch (which connected) at the coach.

P.J. may be guilty of being a jerk. There is no law against that in our country. His player is guilty of assault and battery, for which there is a very clear law. I don't know why charges weren't pressed, as they would have been against you or me, whatever color we might be.

Spreewell, rather than a one-year hiatus from the NBA, should be facing whatever an assault and battery rap gets you, at the local state prison.

Fans The Real Victims

Now, as it seems to happen so often in our society, comes the slap in the face of the law. The perpetrator is becoming the victim and a martyr. The victim is becoming the bad guy. But the real victims, the legitimate ones, are us - the average guys who have been and will continue to watch this tawdry soap opera run its course.

We'll witness the implementation of the old adage - crime pays. We'll see 'Spree' on Geraldo, on Springer, on Jenny Jones, and a host of the other sensationalistic pseudo-journalistic trash dumps telling his side of the story. The kids will also be watching.

Carlesimo, on the other hand, will be sitting on the skids, waiting for the Warriors to hit the stays and slide him right out of the NBA, never to be seen courtside again in the pros. He might even deserve it. But, again, his fate is not the point here.

The Warriors fired Spreewell because they had to. The NBA hung a severe, one-year suspension on him because they had to. Now, those responsible for upholding the law must act because it is imperative that they do. If they don't, then we must all ask whatever happened to the law and order aspect of this particular situation and of course, countless others like it.

Certainly there was no order on that Warrior practice court. At this point, it appears there will be little law off it, also.



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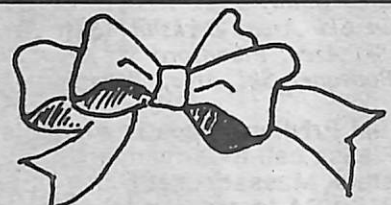
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Bay West Panthers Travel To Pittsfield For First Road Game

On Saturday, The Bay West Panthers (Squirt B Division) traveled to Pittsfield for their first road game of the season. The Panthers started out quickly with good shots on goal by Anthony Santinello and David Suchy, but the Pittsfield goaltender came up with the big saves.

Pittsfield, however, broke the ice to take a 1-0 lead. The Panthers did not let up at all as Adam Corbin took an excellent shot on goal. Both Ed Gaiser and Matt Woodward made some excellent defensive saves to keep the score at 1-0.

Pittsfield did find, and took advantage of, an opportunity to take a 2-0 lead to close out the first period. The second period saw The Panthers jumping on the scoreboard as Ryan Harlow scored with Matt Footit getting the assist to cut the Pittsfield lead to 2-1.

Bay West continued putting on the pressure as Jon Wagner and Adam Corbin took shots on goal. Mike O'Neil then scored to tie the game at 2-2 with assists going to Adam Corbin and Anthony Santinello. Pittsfield scored shortly after to regain the lead, 3-2.

Pittsfield had an opportunity to increase their lead with a 3 on 0 break, but Alex Demers made a fabulous diving play to break it up. Bay West came back to tie the game again on a goal by Adam Corbin assisted by Anthony Santinello.

In the third period, both Bay West and Pittsfield had excellent chances. Goaltender Tony Boido came up with some bang-bang saves to keep the score knotted.

Joey Zmuda played an excellent defensive game and Michael Brouillette contributed with some fine play in the corners.

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Teddy Bear Pools Is Now The Sponsor Of Super Truck Series At Riverside Speedway

Enthusiasm is growing daily for the new **SUPER TRUCK** series which will run as part of the weekly Winston Racing Series program during the 1998 season at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam.

Changes are taking place almost as rapidly as drivers are signing up for the new division at the one-quarter-mile NASCAR racing facility. The super truck series replaces the late model division for 1998.

Teddy Hebert of Teddy Bear Pools in Chicopee has become the division's official sponsor for 1998 and, because of Teddy Bear Pools, the points fund (which was at \$15,000) has been established at \$20,000.

Over the years, Hebert has been a big backer of racing at Riverside, once campaigning a car and sponsoring the highly successful racing team of owner Mario Fiore and driver Reggie Ruggiero. In addition, the new series will be known as the "Teddy Bear Pools" truck division.

"We're very excited about being involved once again with racing and Riverside Park Speedway," said Hebert. "The truck series will grow very quickly. It's a great avenue for advertisers."

Drivers already committed to run in 1998 include 1997 late model points series runner-up Ted Chalmers, 1997 Strictly Stock champion Mike Salmon, former late model champion George (Gee) Perry, and Ernie Tarca, Ernie (E.J.) Legacy, Kris Valerio, Scott Ciak, Patrick Kretschman, Harold (Skip) Breunig, Keith Miller, Mike Duquette, Peter (P.J.) Pelc, and Chris Ford.

Joe Lewandoski, Riverside Park Speedway's Director of Auto Racing, is anxiously awaiting the 1998 season's first race of New England, which will be the March 28th-29th weekend.

"This will be a great change for Riverside Park Speedway and racing in general," Lewandoski stated. "Our late models were beginning to look too much like our pro stocks. We were creating an identity problem. Now, we'll be developing an entirely new fan base."

As an additional incentive, Lewandoski will put up a \$1,000 bill which can be claimed by the driver who wins the series' opening 30-lap feature on April 18th.

After four truck races, the points leader will receive 50 gallons of racing fuel from New

England Sunoco Race Fuels, two Hoosier tires, and a new race body from Speedway Truck Bodies of Buffalo, New York.

At the conclusion of the season, the points finishers from second place through 20th place will draw for a new truck body at the awards banquet.

"We wanted to give our competitors something to shoot for in this first year," Lewandoski said. "And, I believe that we've done it."

Not only has the excitement built among competitors and race officials, but area chassis builders and truck body builders are feeling it, too. Butch Shea of Pro Chassis in Enfield, CT, has designed many setups for the teams that will compete next year.

"It's going to be great," said Tim Smith of Smitty Built Chassis in East Windsor, CT. "Riverside Park Speedway needed a face-lift in its racing division and this is it." Smith has already built the chassis for Gee Perry's truck, which will be sponsored by Artioli Dodge of Enfield.

Bruce Roll, Speedway Racing Bodies' national sales manager, has seen the truck series grow quickly. Speedway Racing Bodies is the official supplier of racing bodies for the Riverside series.

"Two years ago, we were working with three tracks locally," Roll said. "Now we have 101 tracks and 13 touring series. At the time, I would've never envisioned that this would happen."

"It is the perfect move for Riverside Park Speedway to make," he added. "We feel that the advertising potential for trucks is growing at a measured rate every day. Just check out the parking lot behind your speedway on a race night. Trucks are beginning to outnumber cars."

Riverside Park Speedway will kick-off an ambitious 36-date competition schedule with its Spring Classic over the March 28th-29th weekend. The season's opener for racing in New England will be highlighted by the NASCAR Featherlite Modified Tour. It will also mark the series opener for the popular NASCAR touring division.

Riverside's weekly Winston Racing Series schedule begins on April 11th.

Fitness First To Hold December 16th Placement Testing For Spring Swim Classes

Fitness First, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills Center, will offer placement testing for spring swim classes on Tuesday, December 16th.

Children, ages five through 12, who wish to swim in any of Fitness First's Beginner through Advanced Swimmer classes beginning in January, will need to be tested prior to signing up to determine the child's correct swimming skill level.

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Field Hockey: Varsity Letter and Mary Drinker Most Improved Player Award - Sarah Cowan of Agawam.

Football: Varsity Letter and J. Edward Tryon Outstanding Football Player of the Year Award - Daniel Beaudette (tri-captain) of Agawam; Varsity Letters - Jeffrey Beaudette, Aaron Orsatti, and Mark Soticheck, all from Agawam.

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Agawam's Rose Pignatare Named To 1997 National Field Hockey Academic Team

Awards continue to roll in for members of the Springfield College field hockey team. On Wednesday, November 26th, senior co-captain **Rose Pignatare** of Agawam was among five players named to the 1997 National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Division III Academic Team.

Pignatare, an Agawam High School graduate, is a physical therapy major with a 3.36 GPA.

The Pride also racked up some impressive numbers on the field. Springfield posted a 14-7 record this fall for its best mark since 1990 and participated in its first NCAA Division III Tournament.

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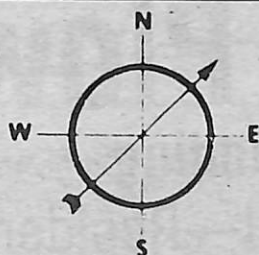
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